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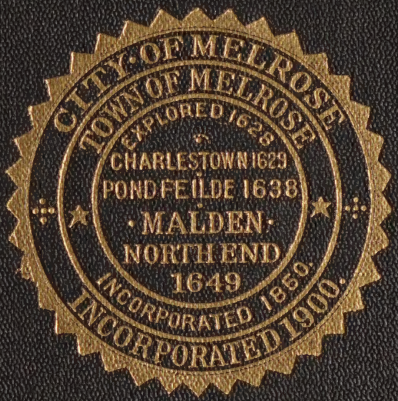

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GOVERNMENT

OF THE

City of Melrose, 1939

Mayor

ROBERT A. PERKINS
64 Vinton Street

President of the Board of Aldermen

THEODORE J. VAITSES
15 Laurel Street

City Clerk

RAYMOND H. GREENLAW
38 Laurel Street

Aldermen-at-Large

Paul H. Provandie 2nd, 84 East Street
Herman A. Black, 68 Wentworth Road
Albert M. Tibbetts, 35 Cedar Park
Walter W. Bruce, 260 W. Wyoming Avenue

Ward Aldermen

1. Howard R. True, 85 Warwick Road
2. Geoffrey G. Felt, 37 Elm Street
3. Herbert M. Davis, 37 Baxter Street
4. Theron M. Hatch, 97 Ardsmoor Road
5. John F. Rand, 4 Waverly Place
6. Theodore J. Vaitses, 15 Laurel Street
7. Joseph I. Meharg, 495 Swain's Pond Avenue

COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

Appropriations

Alderman Provandie, Chairman; Alderman Bruce, Tibbetts, Meharg, Black, Davis, Felt, Hatch, Rand, and True

Education, Health and Public Welfare

Alderman Felt, Chairman; Aldermen Provandie, Tibbetts, Meharg and Black

Financial and Legal Matters

Alderman True, Chairman; Aldermen Davis, Bruce, Provandie and Tibbetts

Highways

Alderman Rand, Chairman; Aldermen Felt, Hatch, Black, and Meharg

Protection, License and Public Service

Alderman Davis, Chairman; Aldermen True, Bruce, Hatch, and Rand

Clerk of Committees

Wesley H. Murray 12 W. Wyoming Avenue

CITY OFFICERS AND OFFICE HOURS

The offices hereinafter named shall be open to the public for the transaction of business from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m. daily except Saturdays, Sundays and Legal Holdays, viz. the offices of the City Clerk, City Collector, Engineer and Superintendent of Public Works, Board of Assessors, Board of Health, Board of Public Welfare, City Treasurer and City Auditor; and on Saturdays the said offices shall be open as aforesaid from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, except when a legal holiday falls on a Saturday. The aforesaid offices shall be open on the first and third Mondays of every month from 7.00 p.m. to 9 p.m., and all other Monday evenings from 7.00 p.m. to 8 p.m., except during the months of July and August. (Chapter 33, Section 10, of the Revised Ordinances.)

City Clerk
Raymond H. Greenlaw

Assistant City Clerk
E. Maude Brown

City Treasurer and Collector
S. Homer Buttrick

City Auditor
Gardner B. Wardwell

Engineer and Superintendent of Public Works
Fred E. Ellis

City Solicitor
Thomas McKie

Mayor's Secretary
Blanche E. Nickerson

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief
Frank C. Newman—(Retired June 15, 1939)
Sidney C. Field

Deputy Chief
Charles F. Woodward—(Retired June 30, 1939)

Fire Warden
Frank C. Newman—(Retired June 15, 1939)
Sidney C. Field

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Captain
Louis B. Heaton

Lieutenant
William T. Fahy

Building Commissioner
Malcolm G. Fillmore

Inspector of Plumbing
Fred A. Young

Inspector of Animals and Slaughtering
Bertram S. Killian, V.S.

Inspector of Milk and Vinegar
Harold R. Munro

Sealer of Weights and Measures
Wesley H. Murray

Burial Agent and Agent for State and Military Aid and Soldiers' Relief

Willard Thompson

Assessors

Frank J. Sherman, Chairman
Norman MacDonald
Frederick W. Patten
Lawrence E. Lovejoy, Executive Clerk

Inspector of Wires

Fred A. Edwards

Board of Health

Dr. Albert E. Small, Chairman — Howard O. Milton
Daniel J. Delaney

City Physician

Dr. Miah H. Rovner

School Physicians

Dr. Jackson Flanders
Dr. Walter H. Flanders
Dr. Donato T. Scenna

Board of Public Welfare

Roy M. Cushman, Chairman
Adeline G. Reed, Alice M. Fay, Helen S. Campbell, Luther B. Gaines,
Laura A. Talbot, Superintendent

Park Commission

John R. Davis, Chairman	Term	Expires	1943
Elmer O. Goodridge	"	"	1940
Grace T. Hume	"	"	1941
Walter C. Verge	"	"	1942
Roscoe C. Wallace	"	"	1944

George W. Rogers, Superintendent

Board of Appeal

Lloyd E. Conn, Chairman	Term	Expires	1942
Lewis C. Hennigar	"	"	1941
Charles H. Hunter	"	"	1941
George H. Varney	"	"	1944
Royal B. Wills			Holdover

Edwin H. King, Clerk

Superintendent of Schools

Herman H. Stuart

School Committee Members

Benning L. Wentworth, Chairman	Term	Expires	1943
Margaret H. Lang, Cor. Sec'y	"	"	1941
Charles H. Adams	"	"	1941
Warren L. Adams	"	"	1943
Robert A. Friend	"	"	1941
Kenneth L. Maclachlan	"	"	1943
Edward J. Wall	"	"	1941
Anna C. Washburn	"	"	1943
Lester N. Woodland	"	"	1943

Trustees of Memorial Building

Leon H. Palmer, Chairman	Term	Expires	1942
Leslie B. Ellis	"	"	1942
Louis K. McNally	"	"	1940
Charles L. Robinson	"	"	1940
Leon B. Smith	"	"	1941

Trustees of Public Library

Rev. Paul Sterling, Chairman	Term Expires		1942
Frank W. Campbell	"	"	1941
Thomas E. Hannegan	"	"	1940
Carita H. Lovejoy	"	"	1941
Myrtie F. Seaverns	"	"	1940
Dr. Willis M. Townsend	"	"	1942

Cemetery Committee

Carl F. Shaw, Chairman

Albert G. Armington Frederick T. Peabody

Linwood A. Leavitt, Acting Superintendent

Inspector of Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves

Roscoe C. Wallace

Registrars of Voters

John J. Keating, Chairman	Term Expires		1941
Philip H. Dorn	"	"	1940
Charles E. Holt	"	"	1942
Raymond H. Greenlaw, City Clerk			Ex-officio

Assistant Registrars of Voters

Gladys U. Bragdon
Hugh F. Calt, Jr.
Bertha V. Camerlin
Julia C. Gorvin
Harriet C. Holdich
George B. O'Connor
Eugene L. Pack
Augusta V. Roeder

Dog Officer

Louis B. Heaton

Planning Board

William L. Bailey, Chairman	Term	Expires	1941
Ernest G. Mortenson, Secretary	"	"	1940
Charlotte H. Bolton	"	"	1940
Joseph G. Bryer	"	"	1941
Allen L. Giles	"	"	1940
George G. Glover	"	"	1941
Roger G. Rand	"	"	1942
Lucy Steer	"	"	1942
Mary D. Whitney	"	"	1942

Board of Survey

William E. Waterhouse, Chairman	Term	Expires	1941
Edwin E. Prior	"	"	1942
Rufus W. Smith	"	"	1940

Retirement Board

Gardner B. Wardwell, Chairman		City Auditor	
John R. Davis	Term	Expires	1940
S. Hale Harding, Secretary	"	"	1941

Property Valuation Board

S. Homer Buttrick, Chairman; Malcolm G. Fillmore, Frank J. Sherman

Fence Viewers

Daniel J. Lucey Willis A. Smith

Constables

Louis B. Heaton
William T. Fahy
M. James Hanley
Wesley H. Murray
Frank P. Holmes
Arthur W. Kimball

Keeper of the Lock-Up

Louis B. Heaton

REPORT OF BOARD OF APPEAL

To His Honor the Mayor and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen,
Melrose, Massachusetts.

Dear Sirs:

In accordance with the provision of Chapter XXIX of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Melrose, I have the honor to submit herewith the annual report of the Board of Appeal for the year 1939.

On January 24, 1939 the Board organized for the year electing Mr. Lloyd E. Conn, Chairman, and re-electing Edwin H. King, Secretary.

The Zoning Ordinances have now been in force in the City of Melrose for fifteen years. I believe that it is an accepted fact that the general welfare of the city has been enhanced during this period.

Unlike other cities and towns in the vicinity, Melrose holds the unique position of being definitely a "City of Homes." In order to maintain this distinction zoning and careful application of zoning principles is most essential.

Realizing this responsibility the Board of Appeal works constantly to prevent encroachment against these principles, and yet relieve individual hardships caused by a general application of the law.

A summary of cases acted on by the Board in 1939 is as follows:

Decision of Building Inspector upheld	6
Appeals granted	10
Appeals withdrawn	4
	20

Very truly yours,

LLOYD E. CONN, Chairman,
Board of Appeal.

REPORT OF BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To His Honor, the Mayor, and
The Honorable Board of Aldermen.

Gentlemen:

The Board of Assessors respectfully submits the following report of the Assessing Department for the year ending December 31, 1939:

Taxable Valuation of the City:		
Real Estate	$35,773,800.00	
Personal Estate	2,726,250.00	
Total	$38,500,050.00	
Tax Rate $33.80 per $1,000.00		

BUDGET

City Appropriations:		
To be raised by taxation	$1,491,463.07	
From Available Funds	102,231.21	$1,593,694.28
State Assessments—1939 Estimates:		
State Tax	104,040.00	
Charles River Basin Loan Fund, etc.	4,229.83	
Met. Parks Loan Sinking Fund, etc.	16,152.53	
Met. Planning Division	233.38	
Met. Parks Loan Sinking Fund, Series 2	1,732.82	
Met. Parks Loan Fund, Nantasket Maintenance	1,123.86	
Wellington Bridge, Maintenance	34.27	
Met. Sewer Loan Sinking Fund, etc., North	27,001.39	
Met. Water Loan Sinking Fund, etc.	61,674.13	
Abatement of Smoke Nuisance	429.10	
Auditing Municipal Accounts	2,867.31	
Hospital or Home Care for Civil War Veterans	480.00	
Water to Saugus	540.00	220,538.62
State Assessments—1938 Underestimates:		
State Tax	52,020.00	
Investigation Soldiers' Relief	387.70	
Water to Saugus	40.00	
West Roxbury-Brookline Parkway	.27	52,447.97

County Assessments:			
County Tax—1939 Estimate		49,678.46	
County Tax—1938 Underestimate		82.48	
Tuberculosis Hospital		18,408.73	68,169.67
Overlay—1939			17,925.87
Total Appropriations and Assessments			$1,952,776.41
Estimated Receipts—City:			
Motor Vehicle Excise	58,200.00		
Licenses	3,000.00		
Fines	500.00		
General Government	7,500.00		
Health and Sanitation	6,000.00		
Highways	18,500.00		
Charities	52,000.00		
Soldiers' Benefits	1,800.00		
Schools	3,600.00		
Recreation	100.00		
Public Service Enterprises	100,000.00		
Cemeteries	6,000.00		
Interest on Assessments	5,800.00		
Interest on Taxes and Assessments	18,000.00		
Apportioned Betterments	25,000.00		
Excess and Deficiency	65,000.00	371,000.00	
Estimated Receipts—State:			
Income Tax	93,774.90		
Corporation Taxes	12,562.60		
Gasoline Tax	52,450.23		
Veterans' Exemption	132.03	158,919.76	
State Assessments—1938 Overestimates:			
Charles River Basin Loan Fund, etc.	187.46		
Met. Parks Loan Sinking Fund, etc.	705.69		
Met. Planning Division	15.88		
Met. Parks Loan Fund, Nantasket Maintenance	2.46		
Wellington Bridge, Maintenance	5.34		
Met. Sewer Loan Sinking Fund, North	1,176.80		
Met. Water Loan Sinking Fund, etc.	938.04		

Abatement of Smoke Nuisance	4.03		
Hospital or Home Care for Civil War Veterans	138.21		
Land Takings—Revere Highway	195.84	3,369.75	
Available Funds		102,231.21	
Total Deductions			635,520.72
Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation			$1,317,255.69
How Raised:			
7,977 Polls @ $2.00 each		15,954.00	
$38,500,050 @ $33.80 per $1,000		1,301,301.69	
Total			$1,317,255.69

Number of persons, partnerships and corporations assessed on property	6,150
Number of persons assessed for Poll Tax	7,977
Number of horses assessed	36
Number of cows assessed	160
Number of dwellings assessed	5,790

VALUATION OF EXEMPTED PROPERTY

	Personal	Real Estate
Charitable Institutions	$ 5,500.00	$ 39,700.00
Cemeteries	500.00	22,400.00
Benevolent Institutions	265,000.00	327,900.00
Metropolitan District	000.00	17,000.00
Organizations of War Veterans	3,000.00	16,900.00
Houses of Religious Worship	40,000.00	904,000.00
Parsonages	000.00	25,000.00
Literary Institutions	11,500.00	101,900.00
	$325,500.00	$1,454,800.00

The following taxes in addition to the foregoing were committed to the Collector:

Motor Vehicle Excise		$64,457.64
Apportioned Sewer Taxes	$ 5,912.24	
" Sidewalk Taxes	6,465.39	
" Street Taxes	7,891.65	
" Interest	4,134.51	$24,403.79

ADDENDUM

Year	Census	Dwellings	Polls	Value Buildings	Value Land	Total Val. Real Estate	Value Personal Estate	Total Valuation	Rate per $1,000	City Appropriation	Sewerage Tax	Park Tax	State Tax	County Tax	Overlay	Total Tax Levy	Year
1919	18,114	3,973	5,169	12,203,650	6,048,425	18,252,075	1,951,500	20,203,575	26.20	488,671.38	18,714.38	12,182.89 2,131.59	45,474.00 284.00	22,040.33 286.41	8,045.26	*58,158.56 597,830.22	1919
1920	18,371	3,981	4,585	12,799,450	6,079,350	18,878,800	2,206,600	21,085,400	29.50	569,876.17	19,111.76	12,381.78 *2,177.13	57,174.00 †461.53	23,923.39 862.60	9,098.07	708,821.41 *63,877.11	1920
1921	18,670	4,010	4,661	13,453,550	6,417,750	19,871,300	2,606,050	22,477,350	30.80	623,903.04	23,447.16	13,755.05 13,576.76 *2,254.37	57,174.00 †545.34	31,197.18 724.32	10,697.21	777,502.38 *61,895.00	1921
1922	18,964	4,048	5,424	14,017,500	6,469,050	20,486,550	2,617,950	23,104,500	32.60	684,835.78	21,359.60	14,037.11 2,213.39	46,560.00 557.06	29,576.48 232.67	13,983.00 19,182.61	834,826.70 *54,500.00	1922
1923	19,368	4,106	5,492	16,198,650	6,570,350	22,769,000	2,710,800	25,479,800	30.80	715,248.68	23,547.37†	15,293.01 2,441.56	46,560.00 471.68	28,652.62 237.98	16,272.00 20,795.85	871,660.64 *59,432.80	1923
1924	20,197	4,208	5,658	17,404,450	6,823,800	24,228,250	2,978,700	27,206,950	30.60	772,887.24	1,935.89‖ 22,848.59	15,503.70 2,388.03	38,800.00 568.00	30,876.18 249.00	16,476.00 20,646.66 223.34	904,991.57 *61,142.90	1924
1925	20,302	4,311	5,815	18,699,000	6,875,500	25,574,500	3,183,200	28,757,700	32.20	850,764.17	25,330.96† 843.09‖	17,142.06† *2,593.26‖	47,040.00 †629.87‖	35,829.68 254.72‖	17,848.88 66.39‖ 237.26‖	998,581.50 *60,953.60	1925
1926	20,865	4,449	5,994	20,467,600	7,317,500	27,785,100	3,481,900	31,270,000	32.10	925,465.94	26,278.73	19,505.23† 2,603.30‖ 3,235.32‖ 231.68‖ 302.58‖	47,040.00 436.05‖ 408.10‖	39,379.87‖ 255.04‖	14,812.61	1,080,024.45‖ *64,269.45‖	1926
1927	21,652	4,575	6,268	21,854,250	7,363,350	29,217,600	3,558,500	32,776,100	31.20	946,741.98	27,452.61	19,880.42‖ 1,952.55‖ 2,513.34‖ 397.26‖	47,040.00 568.00‖ 262.61‖ 265.47‖ 33.88‖	41,025.11‖ 4,306.77‖	10,530.11	1,102,970.51‖ *67,820.19‖	1927
1928	22,587	4,708	6,591	23,575,450	7,479,300	31,054,750	3,526,450	34,581,200	31.60	1,043,604.08	27,025.33	17,152.10‖ 2,961.86‖ 634.97‖ 786.90‖ 1,435.56‖	37,315.00 279.27‖ 2,051.95‖ 253.16‖ 121.29‖ 2.66‖	39,291.06‖ 3,010.85‖	14,719.84	1,190,639.22‖ *84,691.30‖	1928
1929	23,440	4,858	6,684	25,120,150	7,693,400	32,813,550	2,226,425	35,039,975	33.60	1,167,879.76	26,793.55	21,063.33† 3,440.37‖ 217.11‖ 2,279.25† 11,977.83‖	40,800.00 276.98‖ 107.20‖ 40.00‖ 291.05‖ 296.77‖ 507.05‖ 3.75‖	46,424.10	21,885.53	1,190,711.16	1929
1930	23,566	4,912	6,826	25,861,450	7,676,600	33,538,050	2,372,000	35,910,050	33.20	1,288,131.03	18,533.02	26,965.47‖ 4,326.09‖ 419.85‖	33,600.00 668.32‖ 6,353.30‖ 789.18‖ 260.00‖	50,722.91‖ 5,300.77‖	14,101.74	1,451,671.66‖ *245,806.00‖	1930
1931	23,712	4,987	7,027	26,265,500	7,792,300	34,057,800	2,480,100	36,537,900	35.20	1,394,583.11	18,525.48	25,998.96‖ 4,619.94‖ 740.70‖	36,000.00‖ 7,027.00‖ 590.00‖ 665.16‖	59,803.18‖ 5,631.87‖	15,978.06	1,570,163.46‖ *262,948.38‖	1931
1932	23,783	5,035	7,116	26,678,850	7,887,000	34,565,850	2,255,100	36,820,950	31.80	1,327,235.27	17,334.15	†92,873.07	50,797.50	50,847.38‖ 8,893.99‖	21,674.18	1,659,712.59‖ *467,458.38‖	1932
1933	23,534	5,076	7,240	26,649,700	7,931,200	34,580,900	2,108,600	36,689,500	33.60	90,057.05 1,348,025.24 206,930.62	16,643.37	†90,190.89	46,890.00	47,082.90‖ 16,653.34‖	34,866.13‖ 239.34‖	1,807,521.83‖ *553,034.63‖	1933
1934	23,565	5,432	7,299	26,718,150	7,896,500	34,614,650	2,076,550	36,691,200	33.00	1,356,488.97 161,818.77	15,919.98	†83,642.67	52,100.00	51,800.98‖ 15,538.41‖	27,844.47‖ 4,088.45‖	1,769,272.70‖ *543,865.10‖	1934
1935	24,256	5,455	7,575	26,682,550	7,979,650	34,662,200	2,200,200	36,862,400	36.00	1,472,523.20 58,458.65	15,960.00	†86,026.53	53,200.00	53,368.63‖ 14,369.73‖	22,072.32‖ 211.20‖	1,776,130.26‖ *433,933.86‖	1935
1936	23,924	5,497	7,577	26,544,150	7,966,900	34,511,050	2,145,200	36,656,250	32.00	1,357,988.36 252,452.98	19,348.97	†84,984.35	16,800.00	55,441.87‖ 15,567.21‖	19,812.19‖ 892.02‖	1,823,287.89‖ *635,133.89‖	1936
1937	23,891	5,674	7,106	27,013,900	7,972,300	34,986,200	2,420,000	37,406,200	33.80	1,416,969.65 138,894.78	22,612.66	†86,408.42	64,400.00	56,912.59‖ 15,608.79‖	15,889.11‖ 3,167.76‖	1,820,863.76‖ *542,322.20‖	1937
1938	24,050	5,748	7,175	27,619,400	8,089,000	35,708,400	2,807,500	38,515,900	34.40	1,502,168.38‖ 61,646.44‖	22,916.59	†89,157.51	50,440.00	59,058.70‖ 32,760.51‖	18,876.83‖ 1,084.67‖	1,838,109.63‖ *498,212.67‖	1938
1939	24,670	5,790	7,977	27,584,800	8,189,000	35,773,800	2,726,250	38,500,050	33.80	1,491,463.07‖ 102,231.21‖	27,001.39	†142,027.68	104,040.00	49,678.46‖ 18,408.73‖	17,925.87	1,952,776.41‖ *635,520.72‖	1939

• .... • .... • Following the 1929 State audit, changes were made in the accounting method which render impossible comparisons of appropriations between the years previous and those following.

† Other State Taxes.

• Receipts.

Unapportioned Sewer Taxes	8,578.09	
" Sidewalk Taxes	9,210.72	
" Street Taxes	12,362.71	
" Interest	86.08	$30,237.60
Additional Polls (56)		$112.00
Additional Personal Tax		$135.20

During the year 26,374 items were committed to the Collector for collection.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK J. SHERMAN
FREDERICK W. PATTEN
NORMAN D. MacDONALD
Board of Assessors

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

of the

City of Melrose

for the

Year Ending December 31st

1939

Organization of Board

Albert E. Small, M. D., Chairman, Howard O. Milton,
Daniel J. Delaney,
Lillian H. Willey, Clerk

School Physicians

Walter H. Flanders, M. D., Donato T. Scenna, M. D.,
Jackson Flanders, M. D.

School Nurses

Myrtle S. Meriam, R. N., Elsie M. Ashmead, R. N.

Public Health Nurse

Myrtle S. Meriam, R. N.

Inspectors

Plumbing, Fred A. Young
Milk, Harold R. Munroe
Animals, Bertram S. Killian, D. V. M.

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

The Board of Health herewith respectfully submits its annual report for the year ending December 31, 1939.

GENERAL HEALTH: The total number of deaths in Melrose was 294 as against 298 for the previous year. There were only 8 deaths of children under one year, a new all time low, and of these 4 were non-residents, giving a corrected infant mortality rate of 14.23. A new low record for the number of stillbirths was also established, there being only 5 recorded.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES: Diphtheria,—One case has been recorded on our books, but this child was admitted to the Melrose Hospital from an adjoining town and as soon as diagnosis was made was removed to a hospital for contagious diseases. No case of diphtheria has developed in Melrose. The Department has continued to send birthday cards to each infant reaching its first birthday, calling the attention of the parents to the desirability of having the infant immunized. 41 pre-school children and 189 pupils in the first and second grades of school were immunized by the Board of Health.

Scarlet Fever,—27 cases were reported as against 29 for 1938, and 49 for 1937. These have all been of a mild type.

Typhoid Fever,—1 case, which, upon investigation was found to be due to a carrier who had had the disease many years previously.

Pulmonary Tuberculosis,—only six new cases reported, a new low for the city. A tuberculin testing program was conducted in the High School by the Middlesex County Sanatorium with the following results:

School Clinic Enrollment, grades 9, 10, 11, 12, post-graduates (including one in other grades)	1,459
Children tuberculin tested	1,188
% tested	81.4
Children reacting to test	216
% reacting to test	18.2
Children X-rayed	214
Physical examinations	26

Physical Examinations:

Observation cases	16
Observation cases (discharge to family psysician)	2
Observation case (discharge to Middlesex Co. San. Diagnostic Clinic)	1
Pleuritis (Healed)	1
Negative cases (discharge from School Clinic)	6
	26

No case has developed from any of these who required further investigation. We believe the city was very fortunate in having this work done this past year as the Sanitorium has discontinued the tuberculin testing of school children.

We have carefully checked the list of tuberculosis cases which were on our books and have eliminated 66, either on account of death, removal from city or inability to locate them in Melrose.

Rabies,—350 dogs were immunized at a cost of 50c to each owner. We hope that the number will be increased the coming year and this protection extended to more of our dog population.

SANITATION: Milk,—New regulations were passed requiring goat's milk to be pasteurized and in general conforming to regulations with respect to cow's milk.

Cesspools,—A careful survey has been made of the number of cesspools still in use in the city. We find that for the entire city there are 681 and of this number 390 are on premises where sewer connection could be made, 291 on premises where no sewer has been put through the street. Several of these existing cesspools are constant sources of complaint and are properly nuisances.

Boarding Houses for Infants,—10 applications approved.

Bakery Inspection,—All bakeries were inspected and all found satisfactory.

Nuisances,—Complaints received 30, number with no cause for complaint 7, abated 23.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. SMALL, M. D.
HOWARD O. MILTON
D. J. DELANEY
Board of Health.

TABLE I
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	1938	Totals 1938	1939	Totals 1939
Total Appropriation		$21,350.00		$21,200.00
EXPENDITURES				
Salaries and Wages		$ 9,725.00		$ 9,741.67
Chairman	$1,200.00		$1,200.00	
Board Members	75.00		91.67	
Clerk	1,600.00		1,600.00	
School Physicians	900.00		900.00	
School Nurses	3,300.00		3,300.00	
Inspector of Animals	200.00		200.00	
Inspector of Milk	800.00		800.00	
Inspector of Plumbing	1,650.00		1,650.00	
Other Expenses		520.36		764.91
Dead Animals	72.00		119.00	
Dumps and Dump Signs	3.75		1.50	
Ads and Reports	12.50		3.00	
Telephone	72.36		86.34	
Car Maintenance	90.21		221.77	
Stationery, Postage and Express	25.00		41.40	
Office Supplies	92.85		195.45	
Substitute Clerk	35.00		55.00	
Medicine	13.29			
Sundries	21.58		41.45	
Filing System	81.82			
Tuberculosis		8,138.78		7,138.25
Outside Aid	1,202.45		1,323.00	
Board and Supplies in Hospitals	6,927.00		5,803.00	
Medicine and Sputum Cups	9.33		12.25	
Quarantine and Contagious Disease		2,103.62		1,156.82
Board and Supplies in Hospitals	1,802.83		1,108.88	
Anti-rabic and Immunizing Treatments	32.52		27.00	
Medicine	23.20		13.94	
Sundries	45.00		.7.00	
Care and Disposal of Stray Animals		250.00		250.00
Immunization of Dogs				164.83
Total Expenditures		$20,737.76		$19,216.48
Revenues of Board of Health		356.00		4,513.78
Licenses and Permits	137.50		135.50	
Reimbursements	218.50		4,378.28	

TABLE II

CASES AND DEATHS OF DISEASES DANGEROUS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH (By months)

This table includes all cases (with their deaths) irrespective of whether cases were transported into the city from elsewhere or were contracted outside the city; also all Melrose cases dying in hospitals out of town.

Months	Diphtheria		Scarlet Fever		Typhoid Fever		Measles		Lobar Pneumonia		Ophthalmia Neonatorum		Poliomyelitis		Whooping Cough		Tuberculosis						Totals	
																	Pulmonary and Miliary		Meningeal		Other Forms			
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
January ...	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	9	2	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	20	3
February ...	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	9	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	16	1
March	0	0	5	0	0	0	2	0	15	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	22	2
April	0	0	7	0	0	0	3	0	12	1	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	30	2
May	0	0	6	0	1	1	23	0	7	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	41	4
June	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	32	0
July	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	8	0
August	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	4	3
September ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
October	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
November .	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	2
December ..	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	1
TOTALS .	1	0	27	0	1	1	62	0	68	9	0	0	1	0	33	0	6	6	1	1	2	1	202	18

TABLE III

CASES AND DEATHS OF CERTAIN DISEASES FOR TEN YEARS

This table includes all cases (with their deaths), irrespective of whether cases were transported into the city from elsewhere or were contracted outside the city; also all deaths of Melrose cases dying in hospitals out of town.

Years	Diphtheria		Scarlet Fever		Typhoid Fever		Measles		Lobar Pneumonia		Ophthalmia Neonatorum		Poliomyelitis		Whooping Cough		Tuberculosis					
																	Pulmonary and Miliary		Meningeal		Other Forms	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
1930	10	0	34	0	1	0	46	0			0	0	5	1	32	0	24	8	4	4	4	0
1931	8	0	77	0	3	1	33	0			0	0	6	1	15	0	19	10	0	0	1	0
1932	13	2	133	2	2	0	168	0			0	0	0	0	46	1	15	8	1	1	9	2
1933	0	0	63	0	5	2	23	0			0	0	0	0	47	0	19	6	0	0	2	1
1934	2	0	83	0	0	0	584	2			0	0	2	0	26	1	19	3	1	2	2	0
1935	0	0	27	0	0	0	12	0			0	0	9	0	7	0	10	5	0	0	6	0
1936	3	0	25	0	2	0	102	0			0	0	0	0	15	0	8	6	0	0	1	0
1937	1	0	49	0	4	1	362	0	49	11	0	0	4	0	51	0	11	2	1	1	1	0
1938	1	0	29	0	0	0	8	0	48	11	1	0	0	0	11	0	12	7	1	2	2	1
1939	1	0	27	0	1	1	62	0	68	9	0	0	1	0	33	0	6	6	1	1	2	1

TABLE IV

INFANT MORTALITY
(Not including stillbirths)

YEAR 1939	Total under 1 year	Under 1 day	1-2 days	2-3 days	3 days to 1 week	1-2 weeks	2-3 weeks	3 weeks to 1 month	1-2 months	2-3 months	3-6 months	6-9 months	9-12 months
January													
February													
March													
April													
May	1				1								
June													
July	1	1											
August	1			1									
September	2	1		1									
October	1	1											
November													
December	2				1				1				
Male	5	3		1					1				
Female	3			1	2								
White	8	3		2	2				1				
Colored	0												

TABLE V
INFANT MORTALITY

Class No.	YEAR 1939		Ages														
			Under 1 year	Under 1 month	Under 1 day	1 to 2 days	2 to 3 days	3 days to 1 week	1 to 2 weeks	2 to 3 weeks	3 weeks to 1 month	1 to 2 months	2 to 3 months	3 to 6 months	6 to 9 months	9 to 12 months
34	Syphilis	M	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
		F	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
159	Premature	M	2	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Birth	F	2	2	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
160	Injury	M	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	at Birth	F	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Other Diseases	M	2	2	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
161	Peculiar to	F	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Early Infancy	M	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		F	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

TABLE VI
CONTAGIOUS DISEASES

DISEASES		Under 5 years	5 to 9 years	10 to 14 years	15 to 19 years	20 to 24 years	25 to 34 years	35 to 44 years	45 to 54 years	55 to 64 years	65 to 74 years	75 and over	Total
Anterior	M		1										1
Poliomyelitis	F												0
	M	2	14		1	1							18
Chicken-Pox	F	2	15										17
	M												
Diphtheria	F		1										1
	M	4	8	11	5	3	4	2	3	4	2		46
Dog-Bites	F	2	7	4	2	3	2	2	2		1		25
	M	1											1
German Measles	F	1											1
	M	3	1		2	2	5	4	3	1	4	7	32
Lobar Pneumonia	F	3	6	1	1	2	6	1	6	4	3	3	36
	M	6	24	3	1	1							35
Measles	F	6	20	1									27
	M	1	12										13
Mumps	F		2	2	1			1					6
	M	3	3	4	1	2							13
Scarlet Fever	F		7	4	3								14
Suppurative	M	4											4
Conjunctivitis	F	1											1
Tuberculosis	M					1			1				2
(Pulmonary)	F						2	1			1		4
Tuberculosis	M												0
(Other Forms)	F									1			1
	M												0
Typhoid Fever	F										1		1
	M									1			1
Para-Typhoid B	F												0
	M	10	8	1									19
Whooping-Cough	F	3	10										14

TABLE VII

INFANT MORTALITY

Year	Births	Deaths of Children under one year	Rate of mortality of children under one year per 1,000 of children born
1933	543	21	38.65
1934	497	16	32.19
1935	535	13	24.29
1936	506	12	23.71
1937	516	13	25.19
1938	552	13	23.55
1939	536	8	14.92
		Corrected death rate	14.23

There were 5 stillbirths during the year 1939.

Deaths in Melrose, 1939	Males	154
	Females	140
	Total	294
Of these deaths, children under one year	8	
persons over sixty years	207	

Classified as follows as to cause, (Fourth Revision)

		Males	Females
I	Infectious & Parasitic Diseases	7	2
II	Cancers & Other Tumors	18	30
III	Rheumatic Diseases, Nutritional Diseases, Diseases of the Endocrine Glands & other General Diseases	1	3
IV	Diseases of the Blood & Blood-making Organs	3	2
V	Chronic Poisonings & Intoxications	1	0
VI	Diseases of the Nervous System & of the Organs of Special Sense	19	22
VII	Diseases of the Circulatory System	60	43
VIII	Diseases of the Respiratory System	13	20
IX	Diseases of the Digestive System	5	4
X	Diseases of the Genitourinary System ...	12	6
XV	Diseases of Early Infancy	4	3
XVII	Violent & Accidental Deaths	11	4
XVIII	Ill-defined Causes of Death	0	1

TABLE VIII

Estimated population January 1, 1939 — 24,670

	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939
Apparent death rate per 1,000 population	10.95	11.05	11.70	12.39	12.39	11.91
*Corrected death rate per 1,000 population	10.39	11.25	11.26	12.05	12.56	11.23

(*)Eliminate deaths of non-residents & add deaths of residents dying elsewhere.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF MILK

To the Board of Health,
City of Melrose, Mass.
Gentlemen:—

The Inspector of Milk herewith respectfully submits his annual report for the year 1939.

INSPECTIONS:

Pasteurizing plants	86
Dairies within city limits	6
Dairies outside city limits	12
Dairies re-inspected	4
Stores and restaurants	387
Ice Cream plants	9

SAMPLES COLLECTED:

Market Milk	107
Grade "A"	47
Raw to pasteurizing plants	128
Ice Cream	12

LABORATORY REPORT:

Chemical analysis milk (found below standard 2)	154
Bacteriological examination milk	294
Chemical & Bacteriological examination ice cream	12

Bacteriological counts on milk samples were divided as follows:

Market Milk

State standard 40,000 colonies per cc.

0	to	1,000	12.1%	of samples collected
1,001	to	5,000	55.1%	of samples collected
5,001	to	10,000	24.4%	of samples collected
10,001	to	15,000	2.8%	of samples collected
15,001	to	25,000	2.8%	of samples collected
over		25,000	2.8%	of samples collected

Grade "A" Milk

State standard 10,000 colonies per cc.

0	to	1,000	32%	of samples collected
1,001	to	5,000	58%	of samples collected
5,001	to	10,000	8%	of samples collected
10,001	to	15,000	2%	of samples collected

Licenses and permits granted:

Milk and oleomargerine, stores and dealers	167
Pasteurizing plants	2

Licenses suspended or revoked	1
Ice cream manufacturing	3
Dairy permits approved for State Milk Control Board	29
Dairy permits refused or revoked	4

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD R. MUNRO,

Inspector of Milk

AVERAGES FOR THE YEAR 1939

MARKET MILK

Dealer	Milk Fat	Total Solids	Bacterial Count
State Standard	3.35	12.00	40,000
Antunes, George E.	4.10	12.84	7,000
Bustead's Milk Co.	4.38	13.04	7,300
Cummings, B. L. Inc.	4.17	12.84	20,800
Downing, Albert	3.87	12.63	12,900
Fallon, Wm. J.	3.80	12.61	4,000
Flynn, J. B.	4.15	12.91	1,500
Forbes Milk Co.	4.03	12.81	5,500
Gilman, E. H.	4.30	13.26	4,200
Hampden Creamery	3.95	12.76	43,000
Hanson, Martin	4.30	13.13	1,000
Hood, H. P. & Sons	4.06	12.86	1,500
Howard Farm	4.13	12.86	14,400
Kiley Farm	3.85	12.63	2,200
Lyndonville Creamery	4.28	13.06	3,400
Marland K. Dairy	4.06	12.89	4,300
McAdams, J. F. & Bros.	3.97	12.66	6,800
McDonald, W. J.	4.30	13.02	600
Nobles Milk Co.	4.10	12.29	8,300
Palmer, Harry	4.40	13.17	1,900
Parker, J. R.	4.08	12.78	7,700
Potts & Harding	4.20	12.98	10,000
Prescott, J. B.	3.90	12.44	4,800
Quinn, J. E.	4.06	12.91	1,900
Rautenberg, Adolph	4.10	12.88	3,800
Shawsheen Dairy	4.00	12.80	2,800
Simmons, C. L.	4.23	13.28	5,200
Smith, Arland	4.05	12.90	3,800
Spear, C. W.	4.25	13.24	4,300
United Farmers	4.10	12.93	4,300

Victor, U	4.00	12.65	38,000
Weiss Farm	3.90	12.73	5,400
Whiting Milk Co.	3.90	12.63	2,000
GRADE "A" MILK			
State Standard	4.00		10,000
Cummings, B. L. Inc.	4.30	13.04	7,200
Forbes Milk Co.	4.33	13.10	3,600
Hood, H. P. & Sons	4.30	13.16	1,100
Kiley Farm	3.98	12.72	1,600
Lyndonville Creamery	4.58	13.44	1,600
McAdams, J. F. & Bros.	4.35	13.25	3,600
Nobles Milk Co.	4.40	13.00	1,500
Potts & Harding	4.20	13.05	2,000
Prescott, J. B.	4.18	13.02	2,500
Rautenberg, Adolph	4.70	13.60	3,400
Shawsheen Dairy	4.60	13.33	2,100
Simmons, C. L.	4.50	13.40	3,400
Spear, C. W.	4.53	13.51	2,200
Whiting Milk Co.	4.15	12.93	3,200

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING

Permits issued to do plumbing in new buildings		61
Permits issued to do plumbing in old buildings		264
Total permits issued		325
Number permits, work approved (includes 12 permits issued in 1938, work not completed Dec. 31, 1938)		318
Number permits cancelled		4
Number permits, work not completed Dec. 30, 1939		15
Number of water tests		91
Number of visits of inspection		667
Fixtures installed:	Sinks	187
	Wash trays	128
	Water closets	228
	Baths	132
	Wash bowls	219
	Pressure boilers	201
	Other miscellaneous fixtures	41
New buildings connected to sewer		48
New buildings connected to cesspools		13
Old buildings connected to sewer		10
Old buildings connected to sewer by the Public Works Department (outside connections, no plumbing done)		21

Respectfully submitted,

FRED A. YOUNG,

Inspector of Plumbing

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Board of Health,
City of Melrose, Massachusetts.
Gentlemen:—

I herewith submit my report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1939. During the year of 1939 there were more dog-bites than there has been for several years.

There has not been any rabies in Melrose during the years of 1937, 1938 and 1939.

Several heads of dogs were taken to the Harvard laboratories, also one chipmunk and two cats. The laboratories reported that none of these animals were affected with rabies.

Respectfully yours,

BERTRAM S. KILLIAN, D.V.M.,
Inspector of Animals, Melrose.

REPORT OF BOARD OF SURVEY

To the Honorable Mayor
and Board of Aldermen,
Melrose, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

The Board of Survey hereby submits its annual report for the year 1939.

The members of the Board are Messrs. William E. Waterhouse, Chairman, Edwin E. Prior and Rufus W. Smith.

During the year the Board held public hearings and approved plans as follows:

Layout of Damon Avenue, from Glendale Avenue southerly to Cochrane Street.

Layout of new street named "Sherwood Road" running northerly from Porter Street.

New layout of Webster Avenue and Birch Hill Road.

Several years ago the part of Jones Road between Pilgrim and Wentworth Roads was named "Standish Road", the remaining part of the street being undeveloped and not considered in the change. In order to eliminate confusion caused by the two names the Board voted to change the name of the present Jones Road to "Standish Road."

A street in the Mt. Hood Section running at nearly right angle to Slayton Road and formerly known by that name was re-named "Stillman Road."

At the request of the property owner, Mr. Charles E. MacKay, the name of Florence Avenue, from Harold Street southerly to Webster Avenue, was changed to "Birch Hill Road."

In November of this year the death of Mr. William E. Waterhouse occurred. He had been a member of the Board of Survey for about eight years. He was greatly interested in all matters relating to Melrose and had made a very complete study of the history of the town and city. He brought to his duties on the Board of Survey a wide knowledge of the past development of Melrose and a deep interest in its future progress.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appropriation:		
Other Expenses	$25.00	
Expended	6.00	
Balance		$19.00

Respectfully submitted,
Board of Survey,
FRED E. ELLIS,
Secretary.

REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER

To His Honor, the Mayor, and
Honorable Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:

For the year 1939 there were Three Hundred and One (301) building permits issued by this Department, the total value of which amounts to Four Hundred and Seventy-four Thousand, Three Hundred and Twenty-eight Dollars ($474,328.00). This is an increase of Fourteen (14) in number of permits issued, and an increase of Eighty-seven Thousand, Seven Hundred and Sixty-one Dollars ($87,761.00) in value over the year 1938.

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED IN CITY OF MELROSE

January 1, 1939 to December 31, 1939

Classification	No.	Cost
Single Dwellings	63	$361,700.00
Garages	97	38,890.00
Alterations to Dwellings	58	30,372.00
Other Alterations	16	16,370.00
Convert into two-families	2	4,000.00
Shingling	50	6,496.00
Fire Repairs	5	5,000.00
Public Garage Alteration	1	1,000.00
Church Alteration	1	1,500.00
Addition to Church	1	1,800.00
Addition to Parish House	1	3,000.00
Warehouse	1	4,000.00
Greenhouse	1	200.00
Buildings Demolished	4	.....
	301	$474,328.00

Respectfully submitted

MALCOLM G. FILLMORE,
Building Commissioner.

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with provisions of Chapter 22, Section 5, Revised Ordinances of 1932, City of Melrose, the Cemetery Committee herewith submits its report for the year ending December 31, 1939:

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS AND RECEIPTS AVAILABLE FOR DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Appropriations and Transfers	$38,348.49	
Other Income	5,985.20	$44,333.69
Expenditures		
From Appropriations and Transfers	$37,395.07	
From Other Income	5,985.20	$43,380.27
Unexpended Balance		
Allocated as follows:		
To Excess and Deficiency	$403.90	
To 1940	549.52	$953.42

DETAILS OF APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS AND RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Appropriations and Transfers:		
Salaries and Wages	$13,950.00	
Materials and Supplies	3,500.00	
Water Rates	80.00	
Purchase of Loam	700.00	
Purchase of Fertilizer and Grass Seed	150.00	
Purchase of Filling	200.00	
Repairs, Oiling Roads and Avenues	500.00	
Purchase of Material, Sec. 3 and H (Bal. from 1938)	31.22	
Purchase of Material, Cemetery Wall (Bal. from 1938)	2,572.07	
Purchase of Material, Surface Drainage, WPA (Bal. from 1938)	253.96	
WPA Improvements, Order No. 3701—D. E. F. G.	$16,000.00	

WPA Improvements, Balance from 1938	22.04	16,022.04	
Cemetery Wall, Sec. 4, (Bal. from 1938)		37.94	
WPA Storm Damage Repairs, (Bal. from 1938)		76.26	
Purchase of G. A. R. Markers		275.00	$38,348.49
Expenditures:			
Labor (Pay Rolls)		$13,948.23	
Cemetery Supplies		3,498.87	
Purchase of Loam		698.01	
Oiling Roads and Avenues		491.22	
Purchase of Filling		195.56	
Purchase of Fertilizer and Grass Seed		135.00	
Water Rates		70.65	
Cemetery Wall, Lebanon Street		2,521.37	
WPA Improvements, Order No. 3701 — D. E. F. G.		15,601.26	
Purchase of G. A. R. Markers		234.90	$37,395.07
Unexpended Balance to Excess and Deficiency:			
Salaries and Wages		$1.77	
Materials and Supplies		1.13	
Water Rates		9.35	
Purchase of Loam		1.99	
Purchase of Filling		4.44	
Oiling Roads and Avenues		8.78	
Fertilizer and Grass Seed		15.00	
Purchase of Material, Surface Drainage, WPA, (From 1938)		253.96	
Purchase of Material, Sec. 3 and H, (Bal. from 1938)		31.22	
WPA Storm Damage Repairs, (Bal. from 1938)		76.26	$403.90
Unexpended Balance to 1940:			
WPA, Cemetery Wall, Lebanon Street	$50.70		
Cemetery Wall, Sec. 4 (Bal. from 1938)	37.94	$88.64	
WPA, Improvements, Order No. 3701 — D. E. F. G.		420.78	
Purchase of G. A. R. Markers		40.10	$549.52
Other Income Available for Departmental Expenditures:			
Receipts:			
Interest from Perpetual Care Trust Fund			$5,985.20

Expenditures:		
From Perpetual Care Trust Fund Pay Rolls	$5,985.20	
Bills	00.00	$5,985.20
Operating Receipts to General Cash Account:		
Annual Care	$726.00	
Rentals	120.00	
Sundry Receipts	4,510.98	$5,356.98

SALE OF LOTS AND GRAVES ACCOUNT

Balance from 1938	$12,878.75	
Sale, Rights of Burial, Lots, 1939	2,570.00	
Sale, Rights of Burial, Graves, 1939	2,132.00	
Interest	69.53	
Total Sale of Lots and Graves Account to 1940		$17,650.28
Transfer Order No. 3701-D	$5,000.00	
Transfer Order No. 3701-E	5,000.00	
Transfer Order No. 3701-F	4,000.00	
Transfer Order No. 3701-G	2,000.00	$16,000.00
Balance to 1940		$ 1,650.28

PENSION ACCOUNT

Appropriation	$863.88	
Pay Roll	863.88	
Unexpended Balance		$00.00

Approved, Wyoming Cemetery Committee,

CARL F. SHAW, Chairman
ALBERT G. ARMINGTON
FREDERICK T. PEABODY

REPORT OF THE CITY AUDITOR

To His Honor, The Mayor, and
the Honorable Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:

I submit, herewith, the Annual Report of the City Auditor for the year ended December 31, 1939.

I have examined the several Trust Funds of the Treasurer-Collector as custodian, together with all securities, coupons and Savings Bank Books. All income for the year was properly accounted for, and all expenditures properly supported by vouchers.

Respectfully submitted,

GARDNER B. WARDWELL,
City Auditor.

FINANCES

The Assessed Valuation of the City on January 1, 1939 was:		
Real Estate		$35,773,800.00
Personal Property		2,726,250.00
Total		$38,500,050.00
Decrease in Valuation from January 1, 1938 to January 1, 1939		$15,850.00
Number of Dwellings—January 1, 1939		5,790
Number of Polls—January 1, 1939		7,977
Population		24,669
Rate of Taxation for each $1,000 of Valuation—January 1, 1939		$33.80
Appropriations:		
City Budget	$1,344,371.25	
Revenue Orders—City Accounts	147,091.82	
Middlesex County Tuberculosis Hospital	18,408.73	1,509,871.80

State Tax—1939	104,040.00	
State Tax—1938 Understimate	52,020.00	
County Tax—1939	49,678.46	
County Tax—1938 Underestimate	82.48	
Charles River Basin Assessments	4,229.83	
Metropolitan Park Assessments	19,242.59	
Metropolitan Sewer Assessments	27,001.39	
Metropolitan Water Assessments	61,674.13	
Miscellaneous Assessments	4,778.65	
Overlay for Abatements	17,925.87	340,673.40
Total Amount to be Raised		$1,850,545.20
Less:		
Estimated Receipts:		
Income Tax	93,774.90	
Corporation Taxes	12,562.60	
Gasoline Tax Distribution	52,450.23	
1938 State Overestimate	3,501.78	
City Accounts	371,000.00	533,289.51
Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation		$1,317,255.69
Raised as Follows:		
7,977 Polls @ $2.00 each	$15,954.00	
Real Estate Taxes—Valuation $35,773,800.00 @ $33.80 per M	1,209,154.44	
Personal Property Taxes — Valuation $2,726,250.00 @ $33.80 per M	92,147.25	$1,317,255.69

SCHEDULE OF BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

Purpose of Issue	Outstanding Jan. 1, 1939	Amount Issued During Year	Amount Paid During Year	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1939
Sewer	$175,000.00		$25,000.00	$150,000.00
Surface Drainage	34,000.00		7,000.00	27,000.00
Schools	527,500.00		86,500.00	441,000.00
Auditorium	8,000,00		2,000.00	6,000.00
City Hall Extension	14,000.00		3,000.00	11,000.00
City Hall Alterations	00.00	$17,000.00	00.00	17,000.00
City Stable	6,000.00		2,000.00	4,000.00
Fire Station	5,000.00		3,000.00	2,000.00
Municipal Debt Notes	4,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00
Totals	$773,500.00	$17,000.00	$130,500.00	$660,000.00

SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL DEBT NOTES

Due 1940	$2,000.00

SCHEDULE OF TAX TITLE LOANS

Purpose of Issue	Outstanding Jan. 1, 1939	Amount Issued During Year	Amount Paid During Year	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1939
Storm Damage Repairs	$11,250.48		$11,250.48	00.00
Relief	16,700.00	$20,000.00	21,700.00	15,000.00
Emergency Repairs at High School	5,500.00	4,500.00	5,500.00	4,500.00
Totals	$33,450.48	$24,500.00	$38,450.48	$19,500.00

Note—Collections reserved for payment of above loans $255.74

See following two pages for
Balance Sheet

BALANCE SHEET — DECEMBER 31, 1939

REVENUE ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Revenue Cash		$ 165,102.97
Taxes:		
Real Estate, Personal and Poll — 1939	$315,610.00	
Real Estate, Personal and Poll — Prior to 1939	60,481.99	376,091.99
Motor Vehicle Excise		2,602.77
Assessments added to Taxes:		
Sewers	2,015.15	
Sidewalks	1,990.19	
Streets	2,947.07	6,952.41
Assessments Unapportioned:		
Sewers	6,932.60	
Sidewalks	4,268.88	
Streets	5,873.84	17,075.32
Committed Interest:		
On Assessments — 1939	1,077.23	
On Assessments — Prior to 1939	216.28	1,293.51
Water Rates		9,479.22
Tax Titles		21,033.55
City Possessions		29,512.37
Accounts Receivable		45,637.45
Private Sewers and Inside Service Deposits		141.53
Net Bonded Debt — Balancing Account		660,000.00
Tax Title Loans — Balancing Account		19,500.00
Trust Funds		220,488.18
Total		$1,574,911.27

NON-REVENUE ACCOUNTS

Cash	21,084.86
Total	$ 21,084.86

BALANCE SHEET — DECEMBER 31, 1939

REVENUE ACCOUNTS

LIABILITIES

Revenue Reserved:		
Motor Vehicle Excise	$ 2,602.77	
Tax Titles and City Possessions	50,545.92	
Special Assessments	24,027.73	
Committed Interest	1,293.51	
Water Rates	9,479.22	
Departmental Accounts Receivable	45,637.45	$ 133,586.60
Golf Course Receipts		13,991.06
Sale of Lots and Graves		1,650.28
Sale of City Property		2,234.85
Reserve for Tax Title Loans		255.74
Tailings		615.29
Overlay for Abatements		9,824.99
Temporary Loans		400,000.00
Bonded Indebtedness		660,000.00
Tax Titles Loans		19,500.00
Trust Funds		220,488.18
Unexpended Balances		31,638.02
Over Estimates — 1939 Metropolitan Assessments		8,161.06
Overlay Surplus		1,407.41
Surplus Revenue		71,557.79
Total		$1,574,911.27

NON-REVENUE ACCOUNTS

City Hall Alterations — P.W.A.	2,431.21
South East Sewer — P.W.A.	18,573.65
Cemetery Trust Fund Uninvested	80.00
Total	$ 21,084.86

Department	Budget Appropriations	Revenue Orders	Credit Transfers	Balance from Previous years Refunds and Receipts	Total Credits	Expended	Debit Transfers	Total Debits	Balance to Excess and Deficiency	Balance to 1940
GENERAL GOVERNMENT										
Contributory Retirement System	$ 20,717.00				$ 20,717.00	$ 20,717.00		$ 20,717.00		
Aldermen:										
Salaries and Wages	1,200.00				1,200.00	1,200.00		1,200.00		
Other Expenses	1,650.00				1,650.00	1,488.59	$ 85.00	1,573.59	$ 76.41	
Mayor:										
Salaries and Wages	4,325.00				4,325.00	4,320.00		4,320.00	5.00	
Other Expenses	400.00				400.00	372.01		372.01	27.99	
Auditor:										
Salaries and Wages	4,836.66				4,836.66	4,830.00		4,830.00	6.66	
Other Expenses	450.00	$ 50.00			500.00	495.67		495.67	4.33	
W.P.A. Administration	13,810.00	476.00			14,286.00	13,184.69		13,184.69	1,101.31	
Printing Statement to Taxpayer		25.00			25.00	23.03		23.03	1.97	
Treasurer-Collector:										
Salaries and Wages	10,272.00		$ 5.01		10,277.01	10,277.01		10,277.01		
Other Expenses	3,600.00	350.80			3,950.80	3,927.29	5.01	3,932.30	18.50	
Land Court Procedure	100.00	300.00		$ 39.00	439.00	143.49		143.49	295.51	
Certification of Bonds and Notes	300.00				300.00	300.00		300.00		

Assessors:									
Salaries and Wages	8,177.00	47.90			8,224.90	8,224.90	8,224.90		
Other Expenses	1,200.00	663.42		2.00	1,865.42	1,865.20	1,865.20	.22	
City Clerk:									
Salaries and Wages	5,966.00				5,966.00	5,966.00	5,966.00		
Other Expenses	450.00	500.00			950.00	930.81	930.81	19.19	
Vital Statistics	260.00				260.00	234.18	234.18	25.82	
Indexing Aldermanic Records — W.P.A.	100.00			126.41	226.41	187.34	187.34		$ 39.07
City Physician:									
Salaries and Wages	1,021.00	83.33			1,104.33	1,069.42	1,069.42	34.91	
Other Expenses	300.00		35.00		335.00	300.00	300.00		35.00
City Solicitor:									
Salaries and Wages	1,500.00				1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00		
Other Expenses	75.00				75.00	75.00	75.00		
Photographs	100.00				100.00	50.16	50.16	49.84	
Suits and Claims Expenses	2,000.00			371.35	2,371.35	2,282.60	2,282.60	88.75	
Special Counsel — Spot Pond Brook Suit				416.02	416.02	25.00	25.00		391.02
Expense of Appeal in Towner Suit		1,000.00			1,000.00	991.60	991.60	8.40	
Election and Registration:									
Salaries and Wages	1,200.00			600.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00		
Other Expenses	1,700.00	200.00			1,900.00	1,854.70	1,854.70	45.30	
Board of Survey:									
Other Expenses	25.00				25.00	6.00	6.00	19.00	
Planning Board:									
Other Expenses	125.00				125.00	69.20	69.20	55.80	
Prepare Copies of Zoning Map				160.00	160.00	157.00	157.00	3.00	

Department	Budget Appropriations	Revenue Orders	Credit Transfers	Balance from Previous years Refunds and Receipts	Total Credits	Expended	Debit Transfers	Total Debits	Balance to Excess and Deficiency	Balance to 1940
Board of Appeal:										
Salaries and Wages	100.00				100.00	100.00		100.00		
Other Expenses	50.00	75.00			125.00	90.50		90.50	34.50	
Property Valuation Board:										
Other Expenses			200.00		200.00	128.14		128.14		71.86
Fence Viewers:										
Other Expenses	15.00				15.00	0.00		0.00	15.00	
Public Works:										
Salaries and Wages	14,100.00				14,100.00	13,979.83		13,979.83	120.17	
Other Expenses	1,400.00			3.05	1,403.05	1,299.19		1,299.19	103.86	
Vacations		5,500.00			5,500.00	5,453.81		5,453.81	46.19	
City Yard — Salaries and Wages	1,580.00				1,580.00	1,578.06		1,578.06	1.94	
Improvements at City Yard	1,500.00				1,500.00	1,499.78		1,499.78	.22	
Engineers:										
Salaries and Wages	6,600.00				6,600.00	6,172.25		6,172.25	427.75	
Other Expenses	900.00				900.00	887.66		887.66	12.34	
City Hall:										
Salaries and Wages	3,250.00				3,250.00	3,191.97		•3,191.97	58.03	
Other Expenses	3,500.00		1,455.07		4,955.07	4,834.98		4,834.98	120.09	
Fire Loss (Repairs)				220.57	220.57		220.57	220.57		

Install Public Convenience Stations ..				346.90	346.90		346.90	346.90		
Architect — Repairs to City Hall				440.00	440.00		357.75	357.75		82.25
Building Alterations — P.W.A.				69,764.88	69,764.88	67,333.67		67,333.67		2,431.21
Fire Loss				74.78	74.78		74.78	74.78		
Auditorium:										
Salaries and Wages	3,410.00				3,410.00	3,335.11		3,335.11	74.89	
Other Expenses	2,790.00				2,790.00	2,344.00		2,344.00	446.00	
Total General Government	$125,054.66	$9,271.45	$1,695.08	$72,564.96	$208,586.15	$201,096.84	$1,090.01	$202,186.85	$3,348.89	$3,050.41
PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY										
Police Department:										
Salaries and Wages	$ 78,061.40				$ 78,061.40	$ 76,503.24	$ 950.00	$ 77,453.24	$ 608.16	
Equipment and Repairs .	2,000.00				2,000.00	1,998.94		1,998.94	1.06	
Other Expenses	1,000.00				1,000.00	998.20		998.20	1.80	
Teletype	625.00				625.00	615.57		615.57	9.43	
Mechanician — Salary ...	400.00				400.00	400.00		400.00		
Installation of Garage Doors	150.00				150.00	135.00		135.00	15.00	
Revising Police Records — W.P.A.				$ 537.31	537.31	535.52		535.52	1.79	
Ambulance Fund				300.01	300.01	137.24		137.24		$162.77
Expenses Sgt. Curran to National Pistol Match .		$100.00			100.00	100.00		100.00		
Purchase of New Cruising Car			$ 950.00		950.00	950.00		950.00		
Fire Department:										
Salaries and Wages	79,650.00				79,650.00	78,582.19	700.00	79,282.19	367.81	
Other Expenses	1,500.00		200.00	84.60	1,784.60	1,728.57		1,728.57	56.03	

Department	Budget Appropriations	Revenue Orders	Credit Transfers	Balance from Previous years Refunds and Receipts	Total Credits	Expended	Debit Transfers	Total Debits	Balance to Excess and Deficiency	Balance to 1940
Equipment and Repairs .	1,500.00				1,500.00	1,445.90		1,445.90	54.10	
Repairs on Buildings	600.00		100.00		700.00	642.54		642.54	57.46	
Fuel and Light	1,700.00				1,700.00	1,696.52		1,696.52	3.48	
New Hose	500.00		400.00		900.00	812.45		812.45	87.55	
Hydrant Rentals	9,480.00				9,480.00	9,480.00		9,480.00		
Inspection of Buildings:										
Salaries and Wages	1,860.00				1,860.00	1,860.00		1,860.00		
Other Expenses	325.00				325.00	307.35		307.35	17.65	
Inspection of Wires:										
Salaries and Wages	2,500.00				2,500.00	2,500.00		2,500.00		
Other Expenses	100.00				100.00	94.29		94.29	5.71	
Police Signal Maintenance	3,000.00				3,000.00	2,992.72		2,992.72	7.28	
Fire Alarm Maintenance .	5,000.00				5,000.00	4,993.58		4,993.58	6.42	
Sealer of Weights and Measures:										
Salary	1,000.00				1,000.00	1,000.00		1,000.00		
Other Expenses	245.00				245.00	244.96		244.96	.04	
Forestry:										
Care of Trees	7,000.00				7,000.00	6,487.06		6,487.06	512.94	
Plant new Trees	350.00				350.00	328.41		328.41	21.59	
Trimming Trees—W.P.A.	200.00				200.00	113.92		113.92	86.08	

Tree Inventory Plans—W.P.A.				320.07	320.07	17.86	200.00	217.86	102.21	
Tree School for Young Men—W.P.A.	200.00			209.47	409.47	328.34		328.34		81.13
Other Protection:										
Dog Officer	150.00				150.00	55.50		55.50	94.50	
Total Protection of Life and Property	$199,096.40	$100.00	$1,650.00	$1,451.46	$202,297.86	$198,085.87	$1,850.00	$199,935.87	$2,118.09	$243.90
HEALTH AND SANITATION										
Health Department:										
Salaries and Wages	$ 2,900.00				$ 2,900.00	$ 2,891.67		$ 2,891.67	$ 8.33	
Other Expenses	500.00	$ 150.00	$125.00		775.00	764.91		764.91	10.09	
Quarantine and Contagious Diseases	2,250.00				2,250.00	1,156.82		1,156.82	1,093.18	
Tuberculosis	8,100.00			$ 8.00	8,108.00	7,138.25	$ 125.00	7,263.25	844.75	
School Physicians Salary	900.00				900.00	900.00		900.00		
Inspection of Animals	200.00				200.00	200.00		200.00		
Inspection of Milk	800.00				800.00	800.00		800.00		
Nurses Salaries	3,300.00				3,300.00	3,300.00		3,300.00		
Inspection of Plumbing	1,650.00				1,650.00	1,650.00		1,650.00		
Care of Stray Animals	250.00				250.00	250.00		250.00		
Immunization of Dogs (Rabies)	200.00				200.00	164.83		164.83	35.17	
Sewer Division:										
Sewer and Surface Drainage Construction		25,000.00		6.24	25,006.24	24,913.50		24,913.50	92.74	
Sewer Maintenance	3,000.00				3,000.00	2,984.11		2,984.11	15.89	
Southeast Sewer Construction—P.W.A.				163,212.35	163,212.35	144,638.70		144,638.70		$18,573.65
Private Sewer Connections				604.60	604.60	45.10		45.10		559.50

Department	Budget Appropriations	Revenue Orders	Credit Transfers	Balance from Previous years Refunds and Receipts	Total Credits	Expended	Debit Transfers	Total Debits	Balance to Excess and Deficiency	Balance to 1940
Private Sewers	800.00	200.00		96.53	1,096.53	479.75		479.75	616.78	
Private Sewers—Deposit and Refund Account ...				6,663.23	6,663.23	6,508.23		6,508.23		155.00
Surface Drainage Maintenance	7,000.00				7,000.00	6,998.98		6,998.98	1.02	
Collection of Ashes	13,500.00		500.00		14,000.00	13,750.66		13,750.66	249.34	
Collection of Garbage	20,000.00				20,000.00	17,543.56	1,214.31	18,757.87	1,242.13	
Street Cleaning	6,500.00				6,500.00	6,487.32		6,487.32	12.68	
Total Health and Sanitation	$71,850.00	$25,350.00	$625.00	$170,590.95	$268,415.95	$243,566.39	$1,339.31	$244,905.70	$4,222.10	$19,288.15
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES										
Repairing	$13,000.00	$10,000.00		$ 321.39	$ 23,321.39	$ 22,200.43	$1,000.00	$23,200.43	$120.96	
Traffic Signs and Markers .	500.00				500.00	499.78		499.78	.22	
Storm Damage Repairs ...				7,194.24	7,194.24	7,194.24		7,194.24		
Construction		10,000.00			10,000.00	9,904.73		9,904.73	95.27	
Fish and Game Club Road —Mt. Hood				321.28	321.28	226.65		226.65		$ 94.63
Recreation Building Walks and Roads—Mt. Hood .				903.33	903.33	228.77		228.77		674.56
Tower Road—Mt. Hood ...				671.14	671.14	298.21		298.21		372.93
Individual Walks	300.00	200.00		1,227.03	1,727.03	1,551.60		1,551.60	175.43	
Sidewalk Repairs	6,500.00	500.00	$ 500.00		7,500.00	7,406.51		7,406.51	93.49	
Continuous Walks	7,500.00				7,500.00	6,412.49		6,412.49		1,087.51
Snow Removal and Sanding		20,000.00	1,000.00		21,000.00	20,986.57		20,986.57	13.43	
Street Lighting	25,300.00	8,900.00		42.00	34,242.00	33,800.98	150.00	33,950.98	291.02	

Stables:										
Salaries	1,100.00				1,100.00	758.56	341.44	1,100.00		
Other Expenses	1,000.00			47.79	1,047.79	792.72	255.07	1,047.79		
Automotive:										
Salaries	2,500.00				2,500.00	2,346.13		2,346.13	153.87	
Other Expenses	7,500.00		341.44	99.39	7,940.83	7,934.54		7,934.54	6.29	
Purchase of Pick-up Truck			600.00	146.84	746.84		146.84	146.84		600.00
Purchase of Snow Plows				1,900.00	1,900.00	1,883.85	16.15	1,900.00		
Purchase of Garbage Truck		5,400.00	1,200.00		6,600.00	4,477.30	922.70	5,400.00		1,200.00
Total Highways & Bridges	$65,200.00	$55,000.00	$3,641.44	$12,874.43	$136,715.87	$128,904.06	$2,832.20	$131,736.26	$949.98	$4,029.63
PUBLIC WELFARE										
General Administration	$ 4,972.00				$ 4,972.00	$ 4,972.00		$ 4,972.00		
Other Expenses	900.00	$122.00			1,022.00	1,021.94		1,021.94	$ .06	
Outside Relief	70,000.00			$16,000.00	86,000.00	85,988.05		85,988.05	11.95	
Old Age Assistance	62,500.00			2,400.00	64,900.00	64,607.19		64,607.19	292.81	
Old Age Assistance — Federal Grant				51,787.30	51,787.30	51,369.47		51,369.47		$ 417.83
Old Age Assistance Administration—Federal Grant				2,019.75	2,019.75	1,763.57		1,763.57		256.18
Aid to Dependent Children	20,000.00			1,600.00	21,600.00	21,302.80		21,302.80	297.20	
Aid to Dependent Children —Federal Grant				5,315.71	5,315.71	5,315.71		5,315.71		
Aid to Dependent Children Administration — Federal Grant				421.61	421.61	63.69		63.69		357.92
Christmas Party	75.00				75.00	75.00		75.00		
Milk Distribution Fund				582.15	582.15	582.15		582.15		
Toothaker Fund				112.99	112.99					112.99
Total Public Welfare	$158.447.00	$122.00		$80,239.51	$238,808.51	$237,061.57		$237,061.57	$602.02	$1,144.92

Department	Budget Appropriations	Revenue Orders	Credit Transfers	Balance from Previous years Refunds and Receipts	Total Credits	Expended	Debit Transfers	Total Debits	Balance to Excess and Deficiency	Balance to 1940
SOLDIERS BENEFITS										
General Administration:										
Salary	$ 1,000.00				$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00		$ 1,000.00		
Other Expenses	300.00		$75.00		375.00	372.15		372.15	$ 2.85	
Soldiers Relief	32,000.00				32,000.00	27,551.90	$75.00	27,626.90	4,373.10	
Military Aid	1,500.00				1,500.00	979.00		979.00	521.00	
State Aid	1,500.00				1,500.00	1,270.00		1,270.00	230.00	
Soldiers Burial	200.00				200.00				100.00	$100.00
Total Soldiers Benefits	$36,500.00		$75.00		$36,575.00	$31,173.05	$75.00	$31,248.05	$5,226.95	$100.00
EDUCATION										
School Department:										
Salaries and Wages	$347,761.06				$347,761.06	$346,549.33	$1,100.00	$347,649.33	$111.73	
Textbooks and Supplies	14,000.00		$ 400.00		14,400.00	14,362.92		14,362.92	37.08	
Other General Expense	2,500.00				2,500.00	2,499.93		2,499.93	.07	
Plant Maintenance and Operation	35,000.00	$2,400.00	700.00	$4,500.00	42,600.00	38,720.31		38,720.31	7.97	$3,871.72
Painting Exterior Woodwork—High School				25.40	25.40		25.40	25.40		
Temperature Control—Winthrop School				39.00	39.00	36.00		36.00	3.00	
Toilet Lavatory & Showers —Coolidge School				172.71	172.71	172.68		172.68	.03	
Storm Damage—W.P.A.				192.50	192.50	192.17		192.17	.33	

Waterproofing Brick Work			25.40	1,845.27	1,870.67	1,852.65		1,852.65		18.02
Tar and Gravel Repairs —High School				1,325.00	1,325.00	1,294.23		1,294.23		30.77
Renewal and Painting Window Sashes— High School				1,950.00	1,950.00	1,815.33		1,815.33		134.67
Fire Escape Repairs — High School				285.00	285.00	273.29		273.29		11.71
Floor Renewal and Stair Repairs—W.P.A.	1,000.00				1,000.00	996.39		996.39	3.61	
Iron Fence—Winthrop School	210.00				210.00	210.00		210.00		
Iron Fence—Coolidge School	100.00				100.00	100.00		100.00		
Paint Stair Treatment and Supplies—W.P.A.	1,700.00				1,700.00	1,359.73		1,359.73		340.27
Fire Loss—Lincoln School				158.00	158.00	44.35		44.35		113.65
Total School Department	$402,271.06	$2,400.00	$1,125.40	$10,492.88	$416,289.34	$410,479.31	$1,125.40	$411,604.71	$163.82	$4,520.81
LIBRARIES										
Salaries and Wages	$13,846.00		$ 150.00		$13,996.00	$13,976.46		$13,976.46	$19.54	
Books and Periodicals	533.58		2,966.42		3,500.00	3,498.34		3,498.34	1.66	
Fuel and Light	900.00				900.00	894.00		894.00	6.00	
Buildings, Janitors' Supplies, etc.	1,150.00		850.00		2,000.00	1,998.07		1,998.07	1.93	
Binding	600.00				600.00	589.40		589.40	10.60	
Other Expenses	725.00				725.00	692.96		692.96	32.04	
Fines Account				$2,894.09	2,894.09		$1,500.00	$1,500.00		$1,394.09
Total Libraries	$17,754.58		$3,966.42	$2,894.09	$24,615.09	$21,649.23	$1,500.00	$23,149.23	$71.77	$1,394.09

Department	Budget Appropriations	Revenue Orders	Credit Transfers	Balance from Previous years Refunds and Receipts	Total Credits	Expended	Debit Transfers	Total Debits	Balance to Excess and Deficiency	Balance to 1940
RECREATION										
Pine Banks Park	$ 2,500.00		$ 200.00		$ 2,700.00	$ 2,697.35		$ 2,697.35	$ 2.65	
Pine Banks Park—Storm Damage—W.P.A.				$113.72	113.72	113.72		113.72		
Park Department:										
General Administration:										
Salaries	4,736.64				4,736.64	4,724.00		4,724.00	12.64	
Other Expenses	550.00				550.00	539.85		539.85	10.15	
All Other Salaries	19,568.78				19,568.78	19,156.68		19,156.68	412.10	
All Other Expenses	5,000.00				5,000.00	4,982.98		4,982.98	17.02	
Golf Course Maintenance and Operation	6,600.00		8,000.00	37.66	14,637.66	12,321.15	$1,269.32	13,590.47	1,047.19	
Scout Cabins, Toilets, Tower Road, Mt. Hood —W.P.A.				48.84	48.84		48.84	48.84		
Field House—Common —W.P.A.				48.49	48.49					$ 48.49
Field House—Messengers Meadow—W.P.A.				50.00	50.00					50.00
Entrance Gate—Mt. Hood —W.P.A.				25.00	25.00					25.00
Grading and Sewerage of Clubhouse—Mt. Hood —W.P.A.				5.89	5.89	5.80		5.80	.09	

Materials and Supplies 2nd Nine Holes of Golf Course—W.P.A.				28.05	28.05	26.81		26.81	1.24	
Piling Hockey Rink—Ell Pond				10.15	10.15					10.15
Melrose Common Regrading				28.81	28.81	28.81		28.81		
Conduct of Winter Sports	850.00		111.19	1,626.23	2,587.42	2,398.48		2,398.48		188.94
Recreation Building Operation—Mt. Hood	2,300.00		33.49		2,333.49	2,333.16		2,333.16	.33	
Receipts at Mt. Hood Memorial Park			1,269.32	20,721.74	21,991.06		8,000.00	8,000.00		13,991.06
Materials and Supplies Lost at Parkway Fire				1,372.85	1,372.85	35.80		35.80		1,337.05
Construction of Parkway Building				1,474.66	1,474.66					1,474.66
Storm Damage—Storehouse, Mt. Hood —W.P.A.				5,278.66	5,278.66	5,026.75		5,026.75		251.91
Storm Damage—Community Centre Bldg., Mt. Hood				475.74	475.74	475.00		475.00	.74	
Storm Damage—Various Parks—W.P.A.				307.72	307.72	305.93		305.93	1.79	
Land Takings—Mt. Hood		$ 6,145.56			6,145.56	6,137.22		6,137.22	8.34	
Clean-up Projects—Mt. Hood—W.P.A.		12,000.00		128.04	12,128.04	4,764.86		4,764.86		7,363.18
Laborers Vacations and Insurance	1,250.00				1,250.00	1,187.65	62.35	1,250.00		
Automotive Equipment	500.00				500.00	372.52		372.52	127.48	
Fences and Backstops—Various Playgrounds	1,500.00				1,500.00	1,466.51	33.49	1,500.00		
Guard Rails	500.00				500.00	463.80		463.80		36.20

Department	Budget Appropriations	Revenue Orders	Credit Transfers	Balance from Refunds and Receipts Previous years	Total Credits	Expended	Debit Transfers	Total Debits	Balance to Excess and Deficiency	Balance to 1940
Grading School Land—Ripley School		200.00			200.00	198.06		198.06	1.94	
Purchase of Athletic Field		8,000.00			8,000.00	8,000.00		8,000.00		
Maintenance of Athletic Field		1,500.00			1,500.00	1,498.94		1,498.94	1.06	
Plans for Improvements to Athletic Field		500.00			500.00	250.00		250.00		250.00
Clean-up and Grading—Hesseltine Lot		300.00			300.00	299.68		299.68	.32	
Total Recreation	$45,855.42	$28,645.56	$9,614.00	$31,782.25	$115,897.23	$79,811.51	$9,414.00	$89,225.51	$1,645.08	$25,026.64
CELEBRATIONS										
Memorial Day—G.A.R.	$ 350.00				$ 350.00	$ 311.75		$ 311.75	$38.25	
Memorial Day—American Legion	250.00				250.00	250.00		250.00		
Memorial Day—Veterans of Foreign Wars	200.00				200.00	198.89		198.89	1.11	
Armistice Day—American Legion	100.00				100.00	100.00		100.00		
Armistice Day—Veterans of Foreign Wars	100.00				100.00	99.70		99.70	.30	
Children's Entertainment —July 4th	200.00				200.00	173.70		173.70	26.30	
Christmas Holidays	300.00		$150.00		450.00	300.00		300.00		$150.00
Total Celebrations	$1,500.00		$150.00		$1,650.00	$1,434.04		$1,434.04	$65.96	$150.00

PENSIONS										
Police Department	$ 2,050.00				$ 2,050.00	$ 2,050.00		$ 2,050.00		
Fire Department	2,200.00	$831.04			3,031.04	3,028.75		3,028.75	$ 2.29	
Cemetery Department	863.88				863.88	863.88		863.88		
Public Works Department	15,666.00				15,666.00	15,085.83		15,085.83	580.17	
Total Pensions	$20,779.88	$831.04			$21,610.92	$21,028.46		$21,028.46	$582.46	
UNCLASSIFIED										
Advance Payment of Meadow View Rd. Sewer				$1,313.15	$ 1,313.15	$ 1,313.15		$ 1,313.15		
Portraits—Board of Aldermen			$ 50.00	50.00	100.00					$100.00
Claims		$210.00	848.00		1,058.00	1,058.00		1,058.00		
Legion Rental	$ 600.00				600.00	600.00		600.00		
Veterans of Foreign Wars —Rental	300.00				300.00	300.00		300.00		
Fire and Boiler Insurance	6,500.00			56.65	6,556.65	6,550.88		6,550.88	5.77	
Rifle Practice 182nd Infantry Hdgts. Co.	350.00				350.00	341.74		341.74	8.26	
Printing City Report	425.00				425.00	423.65		423.65	1.35	
Federal Music Project	36.00				36.00	36.00		36.00		
Total Unclassified	$8,211.00	$210.00	$898.00	$1,419.80	$10,738.80	$10,623.42		$10,623.42	$15.38	$100.00
WATER DIVISION										
Maintenance	$18,000.00				$18,000.00	$17,548.97	$ 100.00	$17,648.97	$351.03	
Filing Liens				$ 631.29	631.29					$631.29
Water Rates—City of Malden	300.00	$ 161.77			461.77	461.77		461.77		
Locating and Plotting Water Gates—W.P.A.				55.83	55.83					55.83

Department	Budget Appropriations	Revenue Orders	Credit Transfers	Balance from Previous years Refunds and Receipts	Total Credits	Expended	Debit Transfers	Total Debits	Balance to Excess and Deficiency	Balance to 1940
New Water Meters	2,000.00				2,000.00	1,917.81		1,917.81	82.19	
Construction		$25,000.00	$600.00		25,600.00	22,982.12	2,500.00	25,482.12	117.88	
Water Inside Service	1,000.00			81.45	1,081.45	789.51		789.51	291.94	
Water Inside Service—Deposit Account				4,481.04	4,481.04	4,421.04		4,421.04		60.00
Total Water Division	$21,300.00	$25,161.77	$600.00	$5,249.61	$52,311.38	$48,121.22	$2,600.00	$50,721.22	$843.04	$747.12
CEMETERY										
Maintenance:										
Salaries and Wages	$13,950.00				$13,950.00	$13,948.23		$13,948.23	$ 1.77	
Other Expenses	3,500.00				3,500.00	3,498.87		3,498.87	1.13	
Water Rates	80.00				80.00	70.65		70.65	9.35	
Replace Markers on Civil War Veterans' Graves				275.00	275.00	234.90		234.90		$ 40.10
Perpetual Care Income Account				5,985.20	5,985.20	5,985.20		5,985.20		
Sale of Lots and Graves				17,650.28	17,650.28		$16,000.00	16,000.00		1,650.28
Storm Damage Repairs —W.P.A.				76.26	76.26				76.26	
Wall—W.P.A.				2,572.07	2,572.07	2,521.37		2,521.37		50.70
Wall—Section 4—W.P.A.				37.94	37.94					37.94
Grading Sections 3 and H —W.P.A.				31.22	31.22				31.22	
Surface Drainage—W.P.A.				253.96	253.96				253.96	

Improvement of Undeveloped Sections ..		16,000.00	22.04	16,022.04	15,601.26		15,601.26		420.78
Purchase of Loam	700.00			700.00	698.01		698.01	1.99	
Purchase of Filling	200.00			200.00	195.56		195.56	4.44	
Oiling of Roads and Avenues	500.00			500.00	491.22		491.22	8.78	
Purchase of Fertilizer and Grass Seed	150.00			150.00	135.00		135.00	15.00	
Total For Cemetery	$19,080.00	$16,000.00	$26,903.97	$61,983.97	$43,380.27	$16,000.00	$59,380.27	$403.90	$2,199.80
Bills Payable			$785.96	$785.96	$785.96		$785.96		
Interest	$32,971.25			$32,971.25	$32,703.51		$32,703.51	$267.74	
Municipal Indebtedness ...	$118,500.00		$12,000.00	$130,500.00	$130,500.00		$130,500.00		
County Dog Tax			$3,180.00	$3,180.00	$2,922.60		$2,922.60		$257.40

Agency Trusts	Assessors' Warrants and Revenue orders	Credits Revenue Over-Estimates	Total Credits	Expenditure	Revenue Debits and Under-Estimates	Total Debits	Under-Estimates to 1940	Over-Estimates to 1940
County Tax	$ 49,678.46	$ 82.48	$ 49,760.94	$ 49,678.46	$ 82.48	$ 49,760.94		
County Tuberculosis Hospital .	18,408.73		18,408.73	18,408.73		18,408.73		
State Tax	104,040.00	52,020.00	156,060.00	104,040.00	25,020.00	156,060.00		
Overpay't 1938 State Inc. Tax ..		14,400.00	14,400.00	14,400.00		14,400.00		
Charles River Basin Tax	4,229.83	187.46	4,417.29	3,683.15	187.46	3,870.61		546.68
Metropolitan Park Tax	19,009.21	708.15	19,717.36	15,940.56	708.15	16,648.71		3,068.65
Metropolitan Planning Tax	233.38	15.88	249.26	247.87	15.88	263.75	14.49	
Wellington Bridge Maint. Tax .	34.27	5.34	39.61	29.03	5.34	34.37		5.24
Metropolitan Sewer Tax	27,001.39	1,176.80	28,178.19	23,784.76	1,176.80	24,961.56		3,216.63
Metropolitan Water Tax	61,674.13	938.04	62,612.17	60,340.86	938.04	61,278.90		1,333.27
Abate't of Smoke Nuisance Tax	429.10	4.03	433.13	423.91	4.03	427.94		5.19
Hospital and Home Care								
Civil War Veterans Tax	480.00	138.21	618.21	480.00	138.21	618.21		
W. Roxbury-Brookline Pky. Tax		.27	.27	.11	.27	.38	.11	
Water to Saugus Tax	540.00	40.00	580.00	540.00	40.00	580.00		
Land Takings - Rev. Hgy. Tax		195.84	195.84		195.84	195.84		
Investigation Soldiers Relief								
Department Tax		387.70	387.70		387.70	387.70		
Auditing Municipal Ac'ts. Tax		2,867.31	2,867.31		2,867.31	2,867.31		
Total Agency Trusts	$285,758.50	$73,167.51	$358,926.01	$291,997.44	$58,767.51	$350,764.95	$14.60	$8,175.66

ASSESSMENTS

	Balance from 1938	Committed and Apportioned	Refunds and Adjustments	Total Charges	Collected Apportioned and abated	Transferred to Tax Titles	Total Credits	Balance to 1940
SEWERS:								
Unapportioned		$8,519.14		$8,519.14	$1,586.54		$1,586.54	$6,932.60
Added to Taxes	$2,394.08	5,912.24	$20.00	8,326.32	5,992.95	$318.22	6,311.17	2,015.15
Apportioned—Not Due	20,716.79	223.35		20,940.14	6,957.07		6,957.07	13,983.07
Unapportioned Suspended—Not Due ...	223.35			223.35	223.35		223.35	
SIDEWALKS:								
Unapportioned		$7,928.82		$7,928.82	$3,659.94		$3,659.94	$4,268.88
Added to Taxes	$2,846.69	6,465.39		9,312.08	7,136.48	$185.41	7,321.89	1,990.19
Apportioned—Not Due	18,254.47	1,448.62		19,703.09	7,150.30		7,150.30	12,552.79
STREETS:								
Unapportioned	$1,104.11	$10,625.05		$11,729.16	$5,855.32		$5,855.32	$5,873.84
Added to Taxes	3,616.35	7.981.65		11,508.00	8,363.56	$197.37	8,560.93	2,947.07
Apportioned—Not Due	28,888.13	4,106.80		32,994.93	9,629.24		9,629.24	23,365.69
COMMITTED INT.	$1,911.04	$4,220.63		$6,131.67	$4,676.44	$161.72	$4,838.16	$1,293.51
WATER RATES	$11,017.00	$96,215.84	$757.21	$107,990.05	$98,510.83		$98,510.83	$9,479.22

REPORT OF CITY CLERK

To His Honor, the Mayor, and
the Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The following is the report of the City Clerk for the year 1939.

The amount of fees received by the City Clerk for official services from January 1, 1939 to December 31, 1939, inclusive, was as follows:

For recording marriage certificates	$ 528.00
For recording and indexing dog licenses	313.60
For recording and indexing hunting, fishing and trapping licenses	80.50
For licenses for keeping, storage and sale of petroleum, etc.	1,347.50
For copies of records, etc.	172.65
For recording and indexing mortgages and other business certificates	746.13
For miscellaneous licenses	533.00
Total receipts	$3,721.38
Less refunds	61.00
(Paid to City Treasurer)	$3,660.38

The sum of $3,481.00 has been received by this office for dog licenses from January 1, 1939 to December 31, 1939, inclusive, in the following numbers and amounts:

For 925 male dogs at $2.00 each	$1,850.00
For 115 female dogs at $5.00 each	575.00
For 528 female spayed dogs at $2.00 each	1,056.00
Total received	$3,481.00

Of this amount $3,167.40 has been paid to the County of Middlesex and $313.60 has been paid into the City Treasury.

The sum of $688.00 has been received for hunting, fishing and trapping licenses from January 1, 1939 to December 31, 1939 inclusive in the following numbers and amounts:

Resident Citizens' Fishing licenses, 148 at $2.00 each	$296.00
Resident Citizens' Hunting licenses, 104 at $2.00 each	208.00
Resident Citizens' Sporting licenses, 42 at $3.25 each	136.50
Resident Citizens' Minor and Female Fishing licenses, 25 at $1.25 each	31.25

Resident Citizens' Trapping licenses, 3 at $5.25 each	15.75
Resident Citizens' (over 70) Sporting licenses, 31 free	00.00
Duplicate licenses, 1 at $.50 each	.50
Total	$688.00

Of this amount $607.50 has been paid to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Division of Fisheries and Game, and $80.50, representing fees, has been paid into the City Treasury.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births Recorded

Children of Melrose parents and born in Melrose	186
Children of Melrose parents and born elsewhere	101
Children of non-residents parents and born in Melrose	260
Total recorded	547

Marriages Recorded

Both parties residents and solemnized in Melrose	60
Both parties residents and solemnized elsewhere in state	17
Both parties residents and solemnized out of state	00
One party resident and solemnized in Melrose	87
One party resident and solemnized elsewhere in state	92
One party resident and solemnized out of state	6
Both parties non-resident and solemnized in Melrose	30
Total recorded	292

Deaths Recorded

Of Melrose residents occurring in Melrose	240
Of Melrose residents occurring elsewhere	61
Of non-residents occurring in Melrose	71
Total recorded	372

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND H. GREENLAW,
City Clerk

REPORT OF THE CITY PHYSICIAN

Visits made for the Department of Public Welfare:

To patients in their homes	748
Office calls	973
Hospital calls	18

Visits made for Health Department:

Home calls	18
Office calls	15
Visits of Inspection and Consultation	28
Visits for Police Department	8
Vaccinations	67
Visits for the School Department	4
Examinations — Order of the City Solicitor	11
Court Testimony — Order of the City Solicitor	1

Respectfully submitted,

MIAH H. ROVNER, M. D.,
City Physician

REPORT OF CITY TREASURER

Honorable Robert A. Perkins, Mayor and
the Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my reports as City Treasurer and Collector for the year 1939.

Respectfully submitted,

S. HOMER BUTTRICK,
City Treasurer-Collector

CITY TREASURER

CASH STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 1939

Cash in Bank and Office, January 1, 1939	$ 358,518.32
Receipts, January 1, 1939 to December 31, 1939	3,323,704.45
	$3,682,222.77
Payments, January 1, 1939 to December 31, 1939	$3,496,034.94
Balance, Cash in Bank and Office December 31, 1939	186,187.83
	$3,682,222.77

LOANS IN ANTICIPATION OF TAXES

Authorized by Orders 3954 and 4216	$1,000,000.00	
Renewals (1938)	200,000.00	
Renewals (1939)	100,000.00	
Total	$1,300,000.00	
Notes paid	900,000.00	
Balance due in 1940		$400,000.00
Average rate of discount		.17%

TAX TITLE ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1939	$36,558.78	
Added during 1939	21,967.36	$58,526.14
Redemptions and Foreclosures	37,492.59	
Balance December 31, 1939	21,033.55	$58,526.14

S. HOMER BUTTRICK,
City Treasurer

CEMETERY TRUST FUND

	Cash	Securities	Total
On hand January 1, 1939	$41,185.04	$130,277.50	$171,462.54
On hand December 31, 1939	44,586.54	133,030.00	177,616.54
Receipts			
Securities matured or sold:			
State of Illinois	$10,000.00	$ 10,000.00	
Collections: City of Melrose		3,729.00	
Interest on Investments		6,361.37	
Premiums on bonds sold		2,600.00	
Cash on hand January 1, 1939:			
Savings Banks	40,000.00		
Melrose Trust Co.	1,185.04	41,185.04	$ 63,875.41
Payments			
To purchase of:			
Green Mountain Power Co.	5,000.00		
Boston Terminal Co.	3,000.00		
Northern Indiana Public Service	3,000.00		
15 Shares First National Bank Boston	697.50		
40 Shares National Shawmut Bank Boston	1,055.00	12,752.50	
Interest paid on bonds purchased		102.18	
Premiums paid on bonds purchased		75.00	
Refund		100.00	
Melrose Trust Co. — Box Rent		11.00	
City of Melrose — Net Income		6,248.19	
Cash on hand December 31, 1939:			
Savings Banks	34,000.00		
Melrose Trust Co.	10,586.54	44,586.54	$ 63,875.41

List of Securities in Fund

Atchison, Topeka & Sa. Fe	$ 3,000.00
Union Pacific	3,000.00
Brooklyn Edison	2,000.00
Penn. R. R.	11,000.00
Narragansett Elec.	3,000.00
New York Central	6,000.00
Detroit Edison	5,000.00
Toledo Edison	3,000.00
So. Pacific R. R.	3,000.00
Pacific Gas & Elec.	7,000.00
Boston Albany R. R.	8,000.00

Atlantic Coast Line	3,000.00	
So. California Edison	5,000.00	
Boston Terminal	8,000.00	
Boston Edison Elec.	5,000.00	
Louisville & Nashville	7,000.00	
So. Pacific Oregon	5,000.00	
Public Service N. H.	5,000.00	
Southwestern Bell Tel.	2,000.00	
Central Maine Power	5,000.00	
New York Edison	4,000.00	
Peoples Gas Lt. & Coke	4,000.00	
Cumberland County Power & Lt.	2,000.00	
St. Joseph Ry. Lt. Ht. & Pwr.	3,000.00	
Central Vermont Pub. Service	4,000.00	
C. B. & Q. R. R.	1,000.00	
Brooklyn Union Gas	5,000.00	
Green Mountain Power	5,000.00	
No. Indiana Pub. Serv.	3,000.00	
50 Shares First National Bank Boston	1,975.00	
40 Shares National Shawmut Bank Boston	1,055.00	$133,030.00
Cash, Savings Banks & Trust Co.		44,586.54
Total in Fund		$177,616.54

Funds Held By The City Treasurer

REPORT OF ADELE C. M. D. CURRIER FUND

Capital Account

Amount in Fund December 31, 1939		$24,546.48
Securities:		
U. S. Government Treasury Notes 4½%	$15,000.00	
New York Central R. R. 4½%	2,000.00	
Louisville-Nashville R. R. 3¾%	1,000.00	
1 Share Northern Railroad	100.00	
Malden Savings Bank	829.98	
Charlestown Five Cents Savings Bank	619.77	
Eliot Savings Bank	647.01	
Melrose Savings Bank	4,349.72	$24,546.48

Income Account

Balance January 1, 1939	$1,544.45	
Refunds	49.14	
Income from Investments	963.86	
Paid City of Melrose		$1,305.05
Balance December 31, 1939		1,252.40
	$2,557.45	$2,557.45

100th Anniversary Town of Melrose

Balance January 1, 1939	$86.45	
Interest	2.17	
Balance December 31, 1939		$88.62

Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial Building

Balance January 1, 1939	3,042.85	
Interest	474.88	
Auditor's Warrants		250.00
Balance December 31, 1939		3,267.73
	3,517.73	3,517.73

William Bailey Fund

Balance January 1, 1939	2,588.67	
Interest	64.16	
Auditor's Warrants		75.70
Balance December 31, 1939		2,577.13
	2,652.83	2,652.83

William E. Barrett Fund

Balance January 1, 1939	333.11	
Interest	8.32	
Auditor's Warrants		4.00
Balance December 31, 1939		337.43
	341.43	341.43

Perkins Library Fund

Balance January 1, 1939	620.65	
Interest	14.45	
Auditor's Warrants		91.61
Balance December 31, 1939		543.49
	635.10	635.10

Duplicate Library Fund

Balance January 1, 1939	55.76	
Deposits	135.02	
Interest	.81	
Auditor's Warrants		103.28
Balance December 31, 1939		88.31
	191.59	191.59

Samuel W. McDaniel, Exor., Fund

Balance January 1, 1939	100.00	
Balance December 31, 1939		100.00
	100.00	100.00

(Interest to Cemetery Trust Fund)

Sarah E. Cheever Fund

Balance January 1, 1939	1,676.11	
Interest	42.16	
Balance December 31, 1939		1,718.27
	1,718.27	1,718.27

Levi S. Gould Fund

Balance January 1, 1939	422.88	
Interest	35.43	
Auditor's Warrants		28.00
Balance December 31, 1939		430.31
	458.31	458.31

Sarah E. Fitch Fund

Balance January 1, 1939	278.75	
Interest	6.55	
Refunds	131.25	
Auditor's Warrants		75.00
Balance December 31, 1939		341.55
	416.55	416.55

Norman Hesseltine Fund

Balance January 1, 1939	102.81	
Interest	2.58	
Auditor's Warrants		5.00
Balance December 31, 1939		100.39
	105.39	105.39

Community Civics Fund

Balance January 1, 1939	100.78	
Interest	2.53	
Balance December 31, 1939		103.31
	103.31	103.31

Wyoming Cemetery Flower Fund

Balance January 1, 1939	1,456.42	
Deposit	262.83	
Balance December 31, 1939		1,719.25
	1,719.25	1,719.25

Income Account

Balance January 1, 1939	12.31	
Interest	37.40	
Auditor's Warrants		49.57
Balance December 31, 1939		.14
	49.71	49.71

BONDS AND NOTES OF THE CITY OF MELROSE OUTSTANDING DECEMBER 31, 1939
and amounts maturing each year until paid.

Year	Permanent	Surface Drainage	School	Sewer	Memorial Building	City Hall Addition	City Hall Alteration	City Stables	Fire Station	Total
1940	$2,000	$ 7,000	$ 86,500	$ 23,000	$2,000	$ 3,000	$ 3,500	$2,000	$2,000	$131,000
1941		7,000	86,500	21,000	2,000	3,000	3,500	2,000		125,000
1942		5,000	74,500	18,000	2,000	3,000	3,500			106,000
1943		3,000	64,500	16,000		2,000	3,500			89,000
1944		2,000	51,000	16,000			3,000			72,000
1945		2,000	44,000	14,000						60,000
1946		1,000	34,000	14,000						49,000
1947				14,000						14,000
1948				14,000						14,000
TOTALS	$2,000	$27,000	$441,000	$150,000	$6,000	$11,000	$17,000	$4,000	$2,000	$660,000

COLLECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT, 1939

Tax	1936	Personal		$ 20.00	
	1937	Polls	$ 10.00		
		Personal	110.30		
		Real Estate	53,189.83	53,310.13	
	1938	Polls	617.85		
		Personal	5,152.87		
		Real Estate	259,434.31	265,205.03	
	1939	Polls	13,578.85		
		Personal	84,207.39		
		Real Estate	895,001.41	992,787.65	$1,311,322.81
Motor Vehicle Excise		1936		2.00	
		1937		8.08	
		1938		1,407.15	
		1939		60,168.77	
		1937	Int.	.70	
		1938	"	10.11	
		1939	"	83.21	61,680.02
Sewer Assessments		(Apportioned)		6,881.71	
"	"	(Unapportioned)		909.57	7,791.28
Sidewalk Assessments		(Apportioned		7,763.49	
"	"	(Unapportioned)		2,051.97	9,815.46
Street Assessments		(Apportioned)		10,101.15	
"	"	(Unapportioned)		1,491.90	11,593.05
Collector's receipts					1,897.15
Committed Interest		1937		229.76	
		1938		1,300.99	
		1939		3,141.36	4,672.11
General Interest		1936		4.76	
		1937		4,968.05	
		1938		6,727.45	
		1939		583.27	12,283.53

Water	1935	38.00	
	1936	118.64	
	1937	1,393.24	
	1938	31,550.61	
	1939	64,499.43	97,599.92
Public Works Dept.			
Private Sewers		371.07	
" " Deposit		95.53	
Water Inside Service		289.38	
" " " Deposit		9.87	
Water Maintenance		22.79	
Sale of Garbage		5,278.83	
Highway Repairing		285.20	
Individual Walks		53.90	
Street Lighting		42.00	
City Hall Receipts		900.00	
Automotive Receipts		6.72	7,355.29
Public Welfare Dept.			
Old Age Assistance		45,636.91	
Dependent Aid		111,838.15	
" " S. S. P.		269.04	
Outside Relief		12,442.44	
Temporary Aid		60.00	
Aid to Dependent Children		527.40	70,773.94
Health Dept.			
Quarantine and Contagious Disease		169.27	
Tuberculosis		4,034.01	4,203.28
Memorial Building			2,406.75
Police Dept. — Ambulance Fund			245.20
School Dept. — Tuition			2,394.00
			$1,606.033.79

Respectfully submitted,

S. HOMER BUTTRICK,
City Collector

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

To His Honor the Mayor and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I herewith respectfully submit the annual report of the Dog Officer for the year 1939.

Complaints received and investigated of barking dogs	21
Complaints received and investigated of vicious dogs	2
Complaints received and investigated of biting dogs	24
Other complaints received and investigated	75
Number of unlicensed dogs investigated	427
Number of dogs licensed in Melrose as of December 31, 1939. Males 925. Females 115. Spayed 528. Total	1568

Financial Statement

Appropriation for Dog Officer	$150.00
Expended for printing, advertising and fees	55.50
Balance	$ 94.50

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS B. HEATON,
Dog Officer

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To His Honor the Mayor and the Honorable Board of Aldermen:

Dear Sirs:

I respectfully submit the following Annual Report of the Melrose Fire Department for the year 1939.

Organization

The department consists of four companies, and are as follows: Engine Co. No. 1. Engine Co. No. 2. Engine Co. No. 3 and Aerial Ladder Co. No. 1.

Personnel

The permanent force consists of one Chief Engineer, three Captains, three Lieutenants, one Master Mechanic and twenty-six Privates.

Equipment

One Chief's Auto, three pumping engines with equipment, one hook and ladder truck with equipment, one aerial ladder truck with equipment, one service car with lighting plant and equipment, one combination hose and chemical auto with equipment, one horse-drawn pung and chemical extinguishers and other appliances for fire and life saving work.

Hose

Number of feet of good 2½ inch hose in department	9,300 feet
Number of feet of good 1½ inch hose in department	1,000 feet
Number of feet of 1 inch chemical hose in department	1,550 feet

All 2½ inch hose has been tested to 200 pounds pressure.

Fires

Total number of bell alarms	174
Total number of still alarms	289
Total number of alarms — 45 Emergency	508
Apparatus out of city under Mutual Aid system	12 times
To Wakefield 6 times. To Stoneham 4 times. To Malden 2 times.	
Apparatus to Melrose under Mutual Aid system	9 times
Malden 4 times. Wakefield 3 times. Stoneham 1. Reading 1.	
False Alarms	12

Inspections

Number of building inspections	5110
Number of oil burner inspections	435

Insurance of Buildings

Number of buildings damaged	43
Valuation of buildings	$221,500.00
Loss on buildings	25.877.89

Insurance on buildings	393,450.00
Insurance paid on buildings	25,877.89
Valuation of contents	370,700.00
Loss on contents	48,282.14
Insurance on contents	362,300.00
Insurance paid on contents	46,907.03
Total loss on buildings and contents	74,160.03
Total insurance paid on buildings and contents	72,785.03

Hose and Ladders Used

Number of feet of 1½ inch hose laid	3,800 feet
Number of feet of 2½ in. hose laid	24,800 feet
Number of feet of ladders raised	2,254 feet
Number of covers used	62
Number of gallons of chemical used	24
Number of gallons of foamon used	6
Number of quarts of pyrene used	2
Number of pounds of fire freeze used	37
Number of tanks of oxygen used	6
Lighting plant used	10 hours
Air line masks used	3 hours
Total hours of pump operation	39 hours
Total mileage	1,709 miles

Department Work

To spread sand on street after auto accident	3 times
To open locked doors	9
To take cats out of trees	4
To take cat from under floors	1
To take cat out of chimney	1
To take boy out of pond	1
To take dog out of pond	1
To shut off water	2
To shut off gas	4
To put man in bed	1
Ammonia leakage	8
To thaw conduit pipes	1
For auto in brook	1
To put rope in flag pole	1
Boat and diving outfit used	3 times
First aid rendered, including use of inhalator	4 times

The cooperation of State Fire Marshal S. C. Garrity and his staff in connection with arson which has been active more or less in this vicinity during the year, is greatly appreciated, and their frequent visits here have a tendency to prevent any possible incendiary fire.

Very truly yours,

S. C. FIELD,

Chief of Fire Department

REPORT OF THE LAW DEPARTMENT

The City of Melrose adds to its population each year. The growth is sound and substantial, but the increase requires additional service from the various City Departments. The departments are now much better equipped to do their work in the reconstructed City Hall. It is suggested that the Law Department should have permanent quarters at City Hall where the citizens can come at stated hours to submit questions with convenience and privacy.

The case of Alice Towner vs. City of Melrose was finally decided in the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth, and the verdict of the jury for the plaintiff was sustained. This required a payment to the plaintiff of $3,300.

Prior to the trial of the case in the Superior Court I had many conferences with the plaintiff's attorney. Just before trial I succeeded in obtaining an offer of settlement for $1,000. His Honor the Mayor approved of this settlement, and called a special meeting of the Legal and Financial Committee at his office. The case was fully discussed and considered, and the Committee voted to recommend that that Board of Aldermen appropriate $1,000. to settle the case. Later the Board refused to appropriate, and the case went to trial. There were features which developed at the trial that fully warranted appealing the case, and I am disappointed that our exceptions were overruled by the Supreme Court.

During the past nine years, except for the Towner case and for land damage cases, $500. is the largest sum paid by the City on any verdict or settlement. Considering that there are hundreds of cases each year, I submit that the Law Department has no apologies to offer, and is satisfied with the record.

The case of Richardson vs. City of Melrose which has been pending before the Courts for nine years involved a very serious personal injury as a result of which the plaintiff died. The Supreme Court overruled the exceptions of the plaintiff, and the City is held harmless from any further obligation. We have been successful in securing several verdicts for the defendant before the Malden District Court.

There are more than twenty-five departments in our City Government all of which properly call upon this department for written opinions and advice. There are many cases pending in the Superior Court, District Court, Probate Court, Land Court, and Board of Tax Appeals requiring continuous attention and consideration.

Attendance is constantly required in particular matters both at the State House and City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS McKIE, City Solicitor

REPORT OF MEMORIAL BUILDING TRUSTEES

To the Honorable Mayor
and Board of Aldermen,
Melrose, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

The Trustees of the Memorial Building herewith submit their annual report for the year 1939.

The Trustees are Messrs. Leon H. Palmer, Chairman; Leslie B. Ellis, Louis K. McNally, Charles L. Robinson and Leon B. Smith.

Financial Statement

Salaries and Wages:		
Appropriation	$3,410.00	
Expended	3,335.11	
Balance		$ 74.89
Other Expenses:		
Appropriation	$2,790.00	
Expended	2,344.00	
Balance		$446.00

In addition to the usual maintenance of the building a large portion of the ceiling of the lower corridor was replaced.

For some time the lawn of the building has been sunken and in very poor condition. This year the area was graded and re-seeded, resulting in a lawn of pleasing appearance in keeping with the rest of the building.

Respectfully submitted,

TRUSTEES MEMORIAL BUILDING,
Leon H. Palmer, Chairman

REPORT OF PARK DEPARTMENT

To His Honor, the Mayor and
the Honorable Board of Aldermen,
Melrose, Massachusetts.
Gentlemen:

We herewith submit the thirtieth Annual Report of the Park Commissioners attached thereto, a detailed report of the Superintendent of the Park Department.

While we have not added any additional acreage to our parks and playgrounds during the year, we have had turned over to us the athletic field which now comes under our jurisdiction and care.

We have had, also, the care of the removal of the snow from Ell Pond recently transferred to us from the Public Works Department.

Roscoe C. Wallace was appointed to our Commission in May, 1939, and comes to us with a thorough knowledge of business affairs and a keen insight of our problems; is competent and energetic, and always ready to help improve our department.

The tennis courts have been slightly improved but there is much, yet, to be done, as they are very well patronized and a great deal of interest is being shown which will soon make it imperative for more courts.

The second nine holes of our golf course were opened up in April in very good condition, and were enjoyed to a great extent all through the season. The course is now practically self-supporting. Our total receipts from the golf and the building were within $300.00 of our total expenses for maintenance, including supplies and materials as well as labor on the course.

We have had several meetings during the year to find some way of improving our system and working conditions, and to obtain knowledge that may help us to create a better feeling and more harmony in our department.

As a whole, we feel the members of the Park Department are much interested in our work, taking pride in what they do, but some still resent that spirit of willingness to fully cooperate with the Commissioners for the best interest of our city, as well as their own.

The members of the Commission take this opportunity to express their deep appreciation to His Honor, the Mayor and to the Board of Aldermen for their hearty cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN R. DAVIS, Chairman
ELMER C. GOODRIDGE
GRACE T. HUME
WALTER C. VERGE
ROSCOE C. WALLACE
Melrose Park Commission

Extracts from Report of Superintendent of Parks

Mr. John R. Davis, Chairman
and the Members of the Melrose
Board of Park Commissioners.

I herewith submit to the Park Commissioners my annual report for the year 1939, covering the operations of the various activities in this department for this year; which includes a report of the W. P. A. Projects conducted under this department.

Bathhouse and Beach

The Bathhouse opened on June 19th this year and closed on September 2nd. The personnel consisted of:— Richard Foster, Head Life Guard; Leo Lofchie and Kenneth Hall, Assistant Guards; Stuart Hutton, Alternate Guard; Mrs. Powers, Girls' Attendant; Frank Leighton, Boys' Attendant and Oscar Larson, Gate Attendant.

The attendance for the season was 36,960 and I am happy to again report that there were no fatalities on the pond during the season and no serious accidents. There were 105 enrolled in the Children's Swimming Classes and over 1,200 lessons were given with 9 children passing a rigid test.

Life saving classes were very successful; 15 passing the Red Cross Senior Life Saving Test and 12 passing the Junior Life Saving Test.

A group of Senior Life Savers were organized into a Volunteer Life Guard Corps for further instruction in water safety and to assist the Life Guards in maintaining order and safety.

Playgrounds and Recreation

The Playground season opened in Melrose this year on June 26th and closed on September 2nd, and in spite of the handicap of Messenger's Meadow being unusable; no field house on the Boulevard for our program of Handicraft and the uncertainty at the start of the season on the Ripley Playground, the season as a whole can be considered very successful.

Statement of Activities Conducted Under Supervision of Park Department

Doll Carriage and Costume Parade
City Wide Pet Show
Soap Box Derby and Kite Carnival
Plays and Demonstrations
Handicraft and Woodcraft
Playground Picnics
Softball

Attendance at Playgrounds for Summer 1939

Playgrounds	Daily Attendance	Total for Season
Common	138.75	7,770
Hesseltine	54.45	3,049
Lincoln	109.38	6,125
Messenger's	43.49	2,430
Ripley	44.86*	1,974
Bathhouse	449.46	36,960
Tennis Courts — Lincoln — Estimated		5,000
Tennis Courts — Blvd. — Estimated		30,000
Tennis Courts — Common — Estimated		6,000
Tennis Courts — Messenger's — Estimated		5,000
Skating — Ell Pond and Mount Hood — Estimated		25,000
		129,308

*Opened 2 weeks later than other Playgrounds.

Golf Course

Mt. Hood Golf Course officially opened April 19th and closed in December.

There were 26,642 rounds of golf played on the course, an increase of 7,920 over 1938. The total receipts for the year are as follows:—

Memberships	$ 3,973.00
Daily Fees	5,960.35
Lockers	228.00
Soap - Towels - Transient	173.80
Rental of Hall	1,533.50
Miscellaneous Receipts	25.10
	$11,893.75

with an expenditure for Golf Course Maintenance and Operation of $12,283.49.

The entire 18 holes opened the first of May and we confidently feel that it proved very popular and successful and that 1940 should show nearly as great a percentage increase especially in membership, as this year did over 1938.

In closing I wish to take this opportunity to extend to His Honor, the Mayor, the Honorable Board of Aldermen, the members of the Park Commission and the officers and members of the Mt. Hood Golf and Recreational Association my deep appreciation for their cooperation and helpful understanding of our problems, and the other City Officials and departments besides those working in the department with me in our varied activities, I wish to express my sincere thanks for their untiring efforts during the year 1939.

Respectfully Submitted,

GEORGE W. ROGERS,

Superintendent Clerk.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

General Administration Salaries and Wages

Appropriation		$ 4,736.64
Expenditures:—		
Payrolls	$ 4,724.00	
Unexpended Balance	$ 12.64	

General Administration Other Expenses

Appropriation		$ 550.00
Expenditures:—		
Insurance	$ 43.93	
Office Supplies and Printing	343.30	
Telephone and Electricity	152.62	
	$ 539.85	
Unexpended Balance	10.15	

All Other Expenses

Appropriation		$ 5,000.00
Expenditures:—		
Automotive Insurance	$ 158.41	
Labor Insurance	334.07	
Printing	124.16	
Sand and Sub-Soil	254.08	
Automotive	667.66	
First Aid Supplies and Disinfectant	31.52	
Playground Supplies and Equipment	668.67	
Paint and Hardware	218.63	
Clay — Loam — Sod	388.70	
Paint and Hardware	218.36	
Lumber	116.28	
Tools, Etc.	337.24	
Telephone and Electricity	156.20	
Tennis Court Binders and Tapes	150.10	
Repair and Upkeep of Buildings	282.69	
Water Bills	101.24	
Fuel Oil	189.77	
Fertilizer and Calcium Chloride	240.98	
Miscellaneous	29.42	
	$ 4,982.98	
Unexpended Balance	$ 17.02	

All Other Salaries and Wages

Appropriation		$19,568.78
Payrolls	$19,156.68	
Unexpended Balance	$ 412.10	

Melrose Athletic Field — Maintenance and Improvement

Appropriation		$ 1,500.00
Expenditures:—		
Services and Insurance	$ 1,205.54	
Materials and Supplies	293.40	
	$ 1,498.94	
Unexpended Balance	$ 1.06	

Melrose Athletic Field — Plans and Specifications

Appropriation		$ 500.00
Expenditures:—		
Plans and Specifications	$ 250.00	
Balance to 1940	$ 250.00	

Backstops and Fences

Appropriation		$ 1,500.00
Transferred to "Operation Recreation Building"		33.49
		$ 1,466.51
Expenditures:—		
Services	$ 347.40	
Materials and Supplies	1,119.11	

Common Regrading

Balance from 1937		$ 28.81
Expenditures:—		
Services	$ 11.73	
Sub-soil Fill	17.08	

Entrance Gate

Balance from 1937	$ 25.00
Same Carried to 1940	

Field House — Common

Balance from 1937	$ 48.49
Same Carried to 1940	

Field House — Messenger's

Balance from 1937	$ 50.00
Same Carried to 1940	

Hockey Building — Fire Loss

Balance from 1938		$ 1,372.85
Expenditures:—		
Materials	$ 35.80	
Balance to 1940	$ 1,337.05	

Hockey Rink — Piling

Balance from 1937		$ 10.15
Same Carried to 1940		

Guard Rails

Appropriation		$ 500.00
Expenditures:—		
Guard Rails	$ 463.80	
Balance to 1940	$ 36.20	

Hesseltine Playground — Grading

Appropriation		$ 300.00
Expenditures:		
Services	$ 299.68	
Unexpended Balance	$ .32	

Labor Vacation and Insurance

Appropriation		$ 1,250.00
Transferred, "Winter Sports"		62.35
		$ 1,187.65
Expenditures	$ 1,187.65	

Golf Maintenance and Operation

Budget Appropriation		$ 6,600.00
Appropriation from "Mt. Hood Park Receipts"		8,000.00
		$14,600.00
Expenditures:—		
Services	$ 9,454.99	
Sand — Loam — Fill	267.47	
Labor Insurance	142.14	
Fertilizer and Seed	448.25	
Tools — Equipment — Repairing	755.09	
Advertising and Printing	293.04	
Automotive and Petroleum Products	448.08	
Laundry	81.55	
Miscellaneous and Supplies	351.63	
Bonds and Insurance	41.25	
	$12,283.49	
Balance	$ 2,316.51	
To, "Excess and Deficiency"	$ 1,047.19	
To, "Mt. Hood Receipts"	1,269.32	

Land — Mt. Hood Golf Course

Appropriation		$ 4,400.00
Appropriation		195.56
Appropriation		1,300.00
Appropriation		250.00
		$ 6,145.56
Expenditures:	$ 6,137.22	
Unexpended Balance	$ 8.34	

Mt. Hood Clean Up Project

Appropriation		$12,000.00
Expenditures:—		
Services and Insurance	$ 1,428.71	
Signs	15.23	
Trucks and Motors	1,321.00	
Tools and Repairs	275.88	
Dynamite and Supplies	520.35	
Sand — Cement	198.27	
Loam — Sub-Soil	105.96	
Automotive Parts and Supplies	534.48	
Paint and Hardware	40.43	
Lumber	89.28	
Drain Pipe and Tile	107.23	
	$ 4,636.82	
Balance to 1940	$ 7,363.18	

Recreation Building — Ell Pond

Balance from 1938	$ 1,474.66
Same Carried to 1940	

Recreation Building — Grading and Sewerage

Balance from 1938		$ 5.89
Expenditures:—		
Shrubs	$ 5.80	
Unexpended Balance	$ .09	

Operation Recreation Building

Appropriation	$ 2,300.00
Transferred from "Fences and Backstops	33.49
	$ 2,333.49

Expenditures:—		
Electricity	$ 270.00	
Water	18.47	
Fuel Oil	533.36	
Services	1,134.82	
Upkeep	214.27	
Janitor Supplies and Building Supplies	78.52	
Advertising and Printing	64.66	
Labor Insurance	19.06	
	$ 2,333.16	
Unexpended Balance	$ .33	

Ripley Playground Grade and Make Suitable for a Playground

Appropriation		$ 200.00
Expenditures:—		
Services	$ 158.13	
Sub-soil —Fill	28.46	
Tools and Repairs	11.47	
		$ 198.06
Unexpended Balance	$ 1.94	

Second Nine Materials — Supplies and Services

Balance from 1938		$ 28.05
Expenditures:—		
Water	$ 5.00	
Labor Insurance	7.41	
Water Pipe	14.40	
	$ 26.81	
Unexpended Balance	$ 1.24	

Storm Damage — Repair Recreation Building

Balance from 1938		$ 475.74
Expenditures:—		
Repair Awnings	$ 425.00	
Repair Roof	$ 50.00	
	$ 475.00	
Unexpended Balance	$ 0.74	

Storm Damage — Parks

Balance from 1938	$ 307.72

Expenditures:—		
Services and Insurance	$ 138.25	
Tools — Sharpening — Repairing	132.85	
Automotive	32.03	
Tree Paint	2.80	
	$ 305.93	
Unexpended Balance	$ 1.79	

Storm Damage — Storage Building

Balance from 1938		$ 5,278.66
Expenditures:—		
Services and Architect's Fee	$ 525.11	
Lumber and Building Materials	1,762.99	
Steel Sash and Glass	377.70	
Brick and Brick Ties	800.20	
Aggregate Materials	239.49	
Paint, Hardware, Etc.	415.53	
Ready Mixed Concrete	826.78	
Dynamite and Tools	46.01	
Electrical Materials	32.94	
	$ 5,026.75	
Balance to 1940	$ 251.91	

Tower Road and Scout Toilets

Balance from 1938		$ 48.84
Transferred to "Winter Sports"	$ 48.84	

Automotive Equipment

Appropriation		$ 500.00
Expenditures:—		
Automotive Equipment	$ 372.52	
Unexpended Balance	$ 127.48	

Winter Sports

Balance from 1938	$ 1,626.23
Appropriation	850.00
Transferred from "Labor Vacation and Insurance	62.35
Transferred from "Tower Road and Scout Toilets"	48.84
	$ 2,587.42

Expenditures:—		
Services and Insurance	$ 1,168.09	
Tools, Equipment and Repairs	617.33	
Addition to Ski Jump	460.00	
Telephone and Electricity	27.64	
Paint, Hardware and Lumber	34.63	
Printing and Signs	18.90	
First Aid Materials	16.39	
Miscellaneous	55.50	
	$ 2,398.48	
Balance to 1940	$ 188.94	

Melrose Athletic Field — Land

Appropriation		$ 8,000.00
Expenditures	$ 8,000.00	

REPORT OF PINE BANKS PARK

Hon. Robert A. Perkins
City Hall,
Melrose, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find annual report for the Pine Banks Park Commission for 1939. Thought you would be interested in receiving this.

Yours truly,
ROBERT A. HODGDON,
Treasurer

Cash on hand Jan. 2, 1940 in First National Bank Savings Department as shown by pass book No. 15223 with interest to Sept. 15, 1939		$ 615.02
Appropriations:		
City of Malden	$2,700.00	
City of Melrose	2,700.00	
Total		$5,400.00
Expenditures:		
Pay Roll		
City of Malden	1,652.28	
City of Melrose	1,660.60	
	$3,312.88	
Telephone	47.67	
Electricity	12.74	
Insurance	227.97	
Taxes	24.35	
Auto, gas, oil and repairs	343.47	
Hardware and Supplies	409.48	
Feed and Grain for Animals	345.43	
Coal, Fertilizer and Seeds	144.53	
New tool house and garage	523.47	
Expended by Malden	$2,694.64	
Expended by Melrose	2,697.35	
Total	$5,391.99	
Unexpended balance		
City of Malden	5.36	
City of Melrose	2.65	
Appropriation	$5,400.00	

SAVINGS BANK BALANCE

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1939	$ 717.81
Interest to Mar. 5, 1939	5.36
Deposited Oct. 5, 1939	70.00
Interest to Sept. 15, 1939	5.40
Deposited Oct. 25. 1939	3.50
Deposited Jan. 1, 1940 money taken in during 1939	30.00
	$ 832.07
Withdrew Oct. 25, 1939 for Septic tanks Raustine Co.	217.05
Bal. Jan. 2, 1940	$ 615.02

Special Hurricane Appropriation by City of Melrose

Balance Jan. 1, 1939		$113.72
Spent during 1939:—		
	$84.46	
	14.50	
	14.76	
		$113.72
		.00

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

To His Honor, The Mayor, and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen,
Melrose, Massachusetts.
Gentlemen:—

The Planning Board of the City of Melrose herewith submits its Twenty-Sixth Annual Report. Meetings of the Board were held monthly except during the summer months and hearings were held on zoning, fences, and routine matters were conducted.

We are pleased to say that the Board of Aldermen accepted our recommendations dealing with permissive uses in areas zoned as residence "A" and "B" and also to enlarge the minimum requirement as to lot sizes in new developments and a still greater minimum requirement of lot sizes in an area which has been designated as residence "A1" with boundaries as shown on the new zoning map which was revised in 1939.

The new up-to-date zoning map is to be included in the 1940 edition of the Building Laws which we understand is being prepared by the Building Commissioner at the present time.

The Board did not have a single application this year for a convalescent home, which indicates that our continued opposition to such institutions has had some effect on the applicants.

The Board held a hearing on the possibility of an ordinance regulating the height of fences but it was met with so much opposition that we felt it was impracticable to suggest any changes to the present laws. We feel that the present regulation regarding the height of fences and foliage on corner lots is vital but that it is far from being enforced at the present time. We urge the cooperation of both property owners and our public officials in this matter in hopes that Melrose will see a decrease in automobile accidents at these bad intersections.

Desirable house lots in Melrose are few and we have noticed that a number of "outmoded" houses with large lots have been demolished and from two to three modern homes have been erected on a lot area which was formerly occupied by a single dwelling. With the general improvement in business, we feel certain that more of these large houses will meet with the same fate and we will be one step farther ahead in our problem of what to do about the "outmoded" house.

We call your attention to our five recommendations set forth in our 1938 Annual Report and particular attention be paid to the solution of "downtown" parking facilities where it is most obvious that there are too many cars for too little space.

Respectfully submitted,
City Planning Board,
WM. L. BAILEY,
Chairman.

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

Hon. Robert A. Perkins,
Mayor of Melrose,
Melrose, Massachusetts.
Dear Sir:

In accordance with Chapter 29 of the Revised Ordinances, I respectfully submit the annual report of the Melrose Police Department, for the year ending December 31, 1939.

Number of duty calls reported	56,050
Number of telephone calls	9,954
Number of wagon calls	10
Number of ambulance calls	391

ARRESTS FOR THE YEAR 1939

Crimes Against the Person

	Males	Females
Assault and Battery	14	0
Assault with dangerous weapon	1	1
Rape	1	0
Total	16	1

Crimes Against the Property

Breaking, Entering and Larceny	8	0
Larceny	17	1
Using Motor Vehicle without Authority	1	0
Larceny of Automobile	1	0
Arson	7	0
Total	34	1

Crimes Against Public Order

Stubborn Child	0	2
Drunkeness	102	2
Passed traffic signals	3	0
Speeding	11	0
Non Support	12	0
Insane Persons	10	8
Operating M. V. under influence of liquor	11	0
Disturbing the Peace	3	1
Violation of Probation	7	0
Illegitimate Child Act	1	0
M. V. Parking violations	1	0
Operating M. V. without registration	2	0
Truancy	2	0
Parking M. V. on crosswalk	1	0

Non Payment of wages	2	0
Allowing plates to be attached to M. V.	1	0
Operating unregistered M. V.	1	0
Neglected Child Act	1	1
Vagrants	1	0
Operating M. V. after license revoked	1	0
Operating M. V. without license	2	0
Buggery	1	0
Flying Aircraft low	1	0
Operating M. V. to Endanger	1	0
Bastardy	2	0
Failed to slow M. V. at intersection	1	0
Fornication	0	1
Exposing Person	1	0
Ringing false alarm of fire	1	0
Total	183	15

MISCELLANEOUS WORK PERFORMED FOR YEAR 1939

Arrests on warrants	66
Arrests without warrants	184
Total arrests	250
Males	233
Females	17
Minors	13
Delinquents	21
Officers in Court	346
Number of cases	376
Assisted in arrests	166
Accidents reported	324
Ambulance cases	391
Automobiles stopped and warned	2,477
Automobiles tagged	481
Buildings found open	185
Cases investigated	2,054
Dead bodies found	7
Defective streets and sidewalks	63
Defective Hydrants and Pipes	3
Defective wires	7
Disturbances suppressed	127
Dogs killed	9
Fire Alarms attended	251
Fire Alarms given	19
Fires Extinguished without alarm	6
Lanterns hung in dangerous places	35
Letters delivered	2,244
Lost children restored	54
Notices served	134
Sick and Injured persons assisted	76

Street lights reported out	274
Street obstructions reported or removed	53
Summonses served	235
Visits to libraries	34
Water leaks reported	26
Traffic duty performed—number of hours	17,209
Special messages delivered	460
Number of hours extra duty performed	246
Dog bites reported	15
Dead animals reported	36
Vacant houses investigated	4,250
Automobiles stolen in the city	14
Automobiles recovered in the city	21
Amount of property recovered in the city	$8,371.15
Amount of property stolen in the city	$4,611.65
Lost property returned to owner	$8,151.65
Missing Persons reported	16
Missing Persons located	19
Gas leaks reported	7

IN MEMORIAM

PATROLMAN MICHAEL J. BRENNAN

Born May 28, 1890

Appointed Reserve Officer December 7, 1918

Appointed Regular Officer June 19, 1919

Died November 17, 1939

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS B. HEATON,
Captain in Charge.

REPORT OF PROPERTY VALUATION BOARD

To His Honor, the Mayor and
Honorable Board of Aldermen.

Gentlemen:

The Property Valuation Board hereby submits its annual report for the year 1939:

The Property Valuation Board held their first meeting on April 4, 1939, to outline a method of disposing of City owned property as prescribed in Order No. 3217-B, passed by the Board of Aldermen on April 4, 1939.

The Property Valuation Board, by agreement with a committee of the Board of Aldermen, have now reached a method of disposing of property which should prove successful, and the Board is now ready to advertise property.

During the past year the Board recommended the conveyance of a strip of land containing five hundred fifty-six (556) square feet more or less on Hesseltine Avenue to Stanley T. and Charlotte V. Cogger for one dollar and other valuable considerations. The Board of Aldermen authorized this conveyance and the sale of the following lots of land.

Lot No. 1 Boardman Avenue	$350.00
Lot No. 2 Boardman Avenue	$350.00
Lot No. 245 East Foster Street	$500.00

Respectfully submitted,

HOMER BUTTRICK, Chairman
MALCOLM G. FILLMORE
FRANK J. SHERMAN

REPORT OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

To His Honor, the Mayor, and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:

The Trustees of the Public Library, herewith submit the report of the Librarian for the year 1939, as their report.

Respectfully,

PAUL STERLING,
Chairman of Trustees.

To the Trustees of the Melrose Public Library:

It is pleasing to report a successful year for the Library measured by the distribution of books. The trends in reading are varied and many—with a growing interest in world affairs, and some new hobby every few days.

The circulation of books in the Main Library is a slight increase over last year, with a 47% nonfiction in the Adult department, and a per capita circulation of 9.8. Two branches also made a slight gain. Our circulation report does not take into account the books used in the Library, a large number of which are strictly reference books and do not go out of the building. After school closes afternoons, and evenings, the school pupils take possession of the Library, and the Reference Department is taxed to supply their demands.

The number of books sent to school rooms is smaller. The schools are building small libraries in the school buildings, which makes the deposits from the Library less necessary.

The number of registered borrowers is 12,508, which is nearly half of the population of Melrose. The per capita circulation was 9.8. As may be seen by the per cent of non-fiction read, the people are more and more seeking information. The demands made upon the Library are increasing constantly, and we are feeling keenly the lack of room to do the work the Library is being called upon to do.

The Lecture Hall has been used much as usual, by the Humane Society, Red Cross, for Board meetings of clubs. An exhibit by the Business Men's Art Club attracted a large number of visitors, and a lecture on Modern Art, with slides, by a member of the Boston Art Museum Staff, was greatly enjoyed.

The Library was represented at the June conference at Portsmouth by Miss Ayers, Mrs. Nims, Miss Mason, Miss Knapp, Mrs. Lovejoy of the Trustees, and the Librarian.

The Children's Librarian has spoken several times in the schools and Parent Teachers meetings on children's literature, and what the children's room can give to the children.

We wish to express appreciation to all who have given books to the Library and the many beautiful flowers given by good friends of the Library. The patrons of the Library enjoy the flowers as much as the Staff.

I am mindful this year, as in previous years, of the faithfulness and loyalty of the Staff, and of the never-failing support of the Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

ELSIE M. HATCH,
Librarian.

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION FORM OF STATISTICS

Name of Library	Melrose Public Library
City and State	Melrose, Massachusetts
Name of Librarian	Elsie M. Hatch
Date of founding	1871
Population served (latest estimate)	24,670
Assessed valuation	$38,515,900
Total number of agencies:	
Central Library	
Branches	4
Other agencies: School-rooms, Sanitarium	
Number of days open during year, Central Library	333
Hours open each week, for reading, Central Library,	69 (9 months) 66 (3 months)
Hours open each week, for lending, Central Library,	69 (9 months) 66 (3 months)
Number of volumes at beginning of year	61,261
Number of volumes added by purchase	1,888
Number of volumes added by gift	207
Number of volumes at end of year	63,356
Circulation of books	246,853
Number of registered borrowers	12,508

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE
Of the City of Melrose For the Year 1939

Hon. Robert A. Perkins, Mayor, and
the Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City Hall, Melrose Massachusetts.

Sirs:

The Board of Public Welfare herewith submits its report for the year ending, December 31, 1939.

Respectfully yours,

Board of Public Welfare,
ROY M. CUSHMAN, Chairman
HELEN S. CAMPBELL
ALICE M. FAY
LUTHER B. GAINES
ADALINE G. REED

GENERAL RELIEF SITUATION

There is very little to report of difference in the relief situation between 1939 and 1938. We are still confronted with a condition of low employment opportunity. The indices of empolyment show some rise over 1938 but the benefit of that in terms of removal of employable men from relief rolls is not great enough to cause any substantial reduction in cost.

One important factor in the general situation was the considerable reduction in WPA expenditures, the payroll having amounted to $216,415 in 1939 as compared with $282,696 in 1938. This reduction obviously was made without relation to the employment situation in private industry. It was principally a government economy measure. The result was that many of the men laid off had to apply to the Department of Public Welfare for relief. This is probably the chief explanation of the increase in dependent aid expenditures from $73,228 in 1938, to $87,220 in 1939. During the year, 103 WPA men were placed on the dependent aid rolls (plus 6 granted old age assistance) and 49 removed from the rolls for placement on WPA. Most of the lay-offs from WPA were due to the application of the rule which required that men employed for 18 months or more on WPA had to be laid off for a period of at least 30 days. Some of the men thus laid off were given aid and then later were reinstated in the WPA.

WPA still remains the chief dependence of the unemployed of Melrose. The report of the Sponsor's Agent found elsewhere in the city report shows what a large financial operation this relief enterprise of the Federal Government remains. The number of per-

sons employed, which ranged from a low of 197 in October to a high of 440 in March, is still considerably higher than the total dependent aid rolls of the Department of Public Welfare, and much more than the number of employable persons on the rolls. At the end of the year the department was carrying 120 persons out of a total of 163 who were classified as employable, i. e. persons between the ages of 16 and 64 inclusive, healthy enough in body and mind to accept and perform gainful employment. Whether or not all of these persons would be acceptable for private employment is a question but if there were opportunities enough in WPA they would be capable of employment there.

The most obvious fact about the general relief situation is that there will be no noticeable change for the better until there is a substantial improvement in the general employment market. Even then we are likely to find that many older men and those less able because of lack of special skills, impaired health or other reasons, will be left out and, as now, will have to depend either upon a government work relief program or direct relief from the city. It should be understood that all the employable men who receive direct relief are required to work out the value of the aid given them in some one of the city departments, principally the Park Department and the Cemetery, so that city assistance also is essentially work relief, or as it is more accurately termed, work for relief.

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Due to the fact that WPA takes care of the major part of the general relief demand in Melrose, old age assistance continues as the largest item in the expenditures of the Department. At the end of the year there were 356 persons receiving old age assistance which was a net gain of 26 over the figure of 330 with which the year started. This net gain compares with an increase of from 300 to 330 during the year 1938, which seems to indicate that there has not yet begun noticeable leveling off in the demand for this form of relief.

The need of old people for public assistance is of course not related to the employment situation as much as is the need of employable persons; nevertheless, it must be affected in considerable measure by the general economic situation. Some families who now are unable to care for their needy aged members would be able to do so if employment opportunities were good.

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

There is little of significance to report concerning A. D. C. The number of families receiving this form of assistance varied during the year from 33 to 40, there being 35 on the list in December. An acceptable change in the law made possible continuing aid to children still in school up to the age of 18 instead of 16 as formerly.

NET COST OF RELIEF TO THE CITY

In figuring the net cost of relief to the city it is important to have in mind that each year the city receives from other cities and towns and from the commonwealth, payment for relief given to persons living in Melrose who have legal settlements elsewhere or who have no settlement, and from the Commonwealth for its share of the cost of old age assistance and aid to dependent children. In 1939 the sum thus received was $70,774.93.

In effect this is quite as much a receipt for the department as are reimbursements from federal funds. The difference is that the payments do not become available at once to the department, as do the federal reimbursements, but are mingled with the city funds. If we were to deduct the sum of $70,774.93 as well as the sum of $62,239.13, federal reimbursements and refunds in 1939, from the total expenditure for 1939, which was $239,174.18, it would leave $106,160.12 as the net cost of the department to the city.

MONTHLY CASE LOAD

Dependent Aid

	Number of Families	Number of Persons Represented	Single Persons
January	99	439	59
February	102	452	59
March	83	395	50
April	101	449	54
May	92	414	70
June	90	405	54
July	113	509	61
August	124	510	65
September	101	478	58
October	95	462	56
November	94	528	75
December	90	519	73

Old Age Assistance	Number of Individuals
January	331
February	339
March	340
April	342
May	335
June	341
July	350
August	348
September	355
October	359
November	359
December	356

Aid to Dependent Children

	Families	Children	Total Number of Persons
January	33	65	98
February	36	79	115
March	37	81	118
April	36	79	115
May	36	79	115
June	37	80	117
July	40	94	134
August	37	89	126
September	37	95	132
October	36	92	128
November	36	92	128
December	35	91	126

EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEARS JAN. 1, 1930 TO DEC. 31, 1939

	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939
Administration:										
(a) Salaries	$1,696.50	$1,857.60	$3,118.45	$3,885.18	$4,454.00	$4,908.50	**$5,510.67	$5,373.25	$ 5,296.03	$ 4,972.00
(b) Other Expenses	195.70	181.19	554.57	709.25	983.97	996.50	989.58	869.43	998.15	1,021.94
Dependent Aid	12,865.05	23,119.18	45,293.77	66,038.47	46,009.24	56,674.38	62,328.97	68,156.24	73,228.12	87,220.12
Relief by Other Cities and Towns	6,548.40	10,788.29	13,334.59	15,877.08	14,245.41	10,408.62	*	*	*	*
Maintenance in Hospitals	1,744.00	1,752.75	2,967.25	3,423.51	*	*	*	*	*	*
Old Age Assisstance			24,866.91	33,131.98	38,574.27	40,095.25	*†59,138.04	56,736.54	59,116.90	65,966.38
Aid to Dependent Children	2,598.73	2,535.25	2,609.99	5,110.27	6,941.82	7,765.40	11,784.76	15,015.62	19,329.26	21,406.30
Nursing Service						720.00	*	*	*	*
Purchase of Automobile					633.73				150.00	
Xmas Party for Needy Children					62.37	75.00	*	75.00	66.98	75.00
Federal Aid to Dependent Children								4,495.91	4,001.14	4,994.65
Federal Old Age Assistance								42,612.29	45,239.90	51,369.47
Federal O. A. A. Admn.								1,522.61	1,686.50	1,763.57
Federal A. D. C. Admn.										384.75
Total	$25,648.38	$40,234.26	$92,745.53	$128,175.74	$111,904.81	$121,643.65	$139,752.02	$194,856.89	$209,112.98	$239,174.18
Toothaker Fund			119.36	67.00	121.78	296.00	176.00			
Currier Fund	1,235.70	1,429.40	656.73	578.99	292.82	914.87	1,077.26	572.82	329.27	1,295.98

**Includes $133.67 reimbursement from Federal funds.

*†Includes $19,050.54 reimbursement from Federal funds.

* — Consolidated with Dependent Aid.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

Receipts

	Budget Appro.	Revenue and Transfer Orders	Receipts and Refunds	Balances from 1938	Total
General Administration	$ 4,972.00				$ 4,972.00
Dependent Aid and Relief by Other Cities and Towns	70,000.00	$16,000.00	$ 1,232.07		87,232.07
Aid to Dependent Children	20,000.00	1,600.00	103.50		21,703.50
Old Age Assistance	62,500.00	2,400.00	1,359.19		66,259.19
Federal Old Age Assistance			51,463.10	324.20	51,787.30
Federal O. A. A. Administration			1,715.37	304.38	2,019.75
Federal Aid to Dependent Children			4,529.78	464.87	4,994.65
Federal Aid to Dependent Children Administration			742.67		742.67
Other Expenses	900.00	122.00			1,022.00
Christmas Party Expenses	75.00				75.00
	$158,447.00	$20,122.00	$61,145.68	$1,093.45	$240,808.13

Expenditures

	Expended	Unexpended Balance	Total
General Administration	$ 4,972.00		$ 4,972.00
Dependent Aid and Relief by Other Cities and Towns	87,220.12	$ 11.95	87,232.07
Old Age Assistance	65,966.38	292.81	66,259.19
Federal Old Age Assistance	51,369.47	417.83	51,787.30
Federal O. A. A. Administration	1,763.57	256.18	2,019.75
Aid to Dependent Children	21,406.30	297.20	21,703.50
Federal Aid to Dependent Children	4,994.65		4,994.65
Federal Aid to Dependent Children Administration	384.75	357.92	742.67
Other Expenses	1,021.94	.06	1,022.00
Christmas Party Expenses	75.00		75.00
	$239,174.18	$1,633.95	$240,808.13

TRUST FUNDS

Receipts

	From City Treasurer	Balance from 1938	Total
Eleanor E. Toothaker Fund		$112.99	$ 112.99
A. C. Marie D. Currier Fund	$1,305.05		1,305.05

Expenditures

	Balance to 1940	Expended	Total
Eleanor E. Toothaker Fund	$112.99		$ 112.99
A. C. Marie D. Currier Fund	9.07	$1,295.98	1,305.05

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE — 1939

	Cash	Board and Room	Dentist	Burial	Nurse	Glasses	Hospital	Medicine	Fuel	Clothing	Relief by Other Cities	Total
January	9,047.90				$ 37.00		$ 150.00	$ 4.84				$ 9,239.74
February	9,333.54		7.50	$100.00	21.00	$ 34.50	246.75		$ 5.55			9,748.84
March	9,321.73		24.50	255.00	23.00	16.00	154.00	.85	11.10			9,806.18
April	9,298.88	41.42	3.00	217.00	26.00		207.66				$ 38.37	9,832.33
May	9,035.64		30.00		51.00	8.00	273.50	8.65				9,406.79
June	9,167.42			100.00	52.00		171.00	14.29				9,504.71
July	9,278.75			200.00	55.00	28.00	153.00	8.33		$2.50		9,725.58
August	9,348.58	15.66			46.00	26.00	270.00	3.70			82.67	9,792.61
September	9,480.36		55.00		34.00	14.50	316.00	5.54				9,905.40
October	9,560.66		35.00		21.00	15.50	111.00	3.00			1,122.37	10,868.53
November	9,483.14		30.50				228.00	5.30				9,746.94
December	9,458.30			100.00	17.00		181.40	1.50				9,758.20
TOTAL	$111,814.90	$57.08	$185.50	$972.00	$383.00	$142.50	$2,462.31	$56.00	$16.65	$2.50	$1,243.41	$117,335.85

DEPENDENT AID — 1939

	Food	Milk	Petty Cash	Cash	Fuel	Shoes	Medicine	Hospital	Burial
January	$105.90	$146.74		$4,183.10	$ 576.46	$ 35.37	$ 55.78	$ 84.70	
February	107.00	137.48		4,356.56	583.99	19.89	50.30	841.49	
March	177.22	131.04		4,742.10	565.35	18.27	86.93	467.70	$ 5.00
April	119.17	115.88	$ 50.00	3,949.39	274.47	27.87	51.09	791.66	42.00
May	24.50	125.77	62.00	4,038.97	201.41	21.04	53.95	338.00	20.00
June	48.50	90.40	48.00	4,846.65	81.32	9.99	47.96	368.83	
July	37.00	140.26	58.00	3,847.81	43.50	16.16	33.30	181.25	100.00
August	33.50	116.87	115.00	4,868.55	56.72	23.52	47.80	401.73	
September	7.35	103.74	41.00	4,240.98	77.94	62.19	43.81	452.18	
October	13.00	101.27	33.00	4,312.42	209.23	14.80	29.00	545.55	
November	67.05	94.12	70.00	5,309.89	444.27	13.27	28.96	652.53	100.00
December	50.90	96.72	48.00	4,598.16	459.80	17.27	70.39	432.15	
Total	$791.09	$1,400.29	$525.00	$53,294.58	$3,574.46	$279.64	$599.27	$5,557.77	$267.00

DEPENDENT AID 1939 — continued

	Nurse	Dentist	Glasses	Moving	Clothing	Comm.	Relief by Other Cities and Towns	WPA Surplus Commodities	Totals
January	$ 8.00	$ 31.00	$ 11.00					$657.24	$ 5,895.29
February	6.00								6,102.71
March	8.00	6.00							6,207.61
April	12.00	7.00	7.50			$2,462.94	$ 2,727.84		10,638.81
May	15.00	83.00			$5.50				4,989.14
June	8.00	18.50	10.50						5,578.65
July	14.00	44.50	49.50	8.00		1,107.43			5,680.71
August	13.00		19.00				1,111.21		6,806.90
September	11.00		11.00						5,051.19
October	6.00	18.00	7.00				11,611.39		16,900.66
November	4.00	6.00	10.00	27.55					6,827.64
December	12.00					700.81	54.61		6,540.81
Total	$117.00	$214.00	$125.20	$35.55	$5.50	$4,271.18	$15,505.05	$657.24	$87,220.12

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Salary of Superintendent	$1,500.00
Salary of Board	250.00
Salary of Clerk of Board	700.00
Salary of Visitors	2,240.00
Salary of Assistants	1,860.00
Total expended	$6,550.00

OTHER EXPENSES

Office Supplies	$ 450.08
Postage	269.69
Car	321.03
Telephone	185.58
Maintenance of Office Machines	12.60
Social Service Index	50.00
Conference	49.00
Travel Expenses	15.46
Office Furniture	236.57
Advertising	2.25
Total	$1,592.26

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

	Cash	Fuel	Moving	Hospital	Medicine	Dentist	Glasses	Total
January	$ 1,987.00	$ 16.64				$2.00		$ 2,005.64
February	1,969.50	26.19		$ 3.00				1,998.69
March	2,247.50	11.31			$2.60		$ 7.00	2,268.41
April	2,179.00	5.78					8.00	2,192.78
May	2,179.00			63.05				2,242.05
June	2,204.00							2,204.00
July	2,399.50					5.00		2,404.50
August	2,324.50		8.00				12.00	2,344.50
September	2,206.00			7.00			11.50	2,224.50
October	2,150.00	8.43		13.80	1.80		7.00	2,181.03
November	2,109.00	2.00			.75			2,111.75
December	2,083.00	35.80	15.00	78.75	2.55		8.00	2,223.10
	$26,038.00	$106.15	$23.00	$165.60	$7.70	$7.00	$53.50	$26,400.95

REPORT OF WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION

To His Honor, the Mayor, and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen,
Melrose, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

The Works Progress Administration of Melrose herewith presents its report for the year ending December 31, 1939.

The object of the Works Progress Administration was to provide work and wages for the needy, able-bodied unemployed. The City Departments plan and sponsor various projects, and the Federal Government supplies the labor.

Employment under Works Progress Administration shows an average of 400 men and women until June 1st, when there was a sharp decline, to November 30th to a low level of 197 men and women. This decline was due to quota reduction and the 30-day lay-off of all who had worked continuously on the program for 18 months. On December 31 there were 321 people employed. The peak for the year was the month of March when 440 men and women were on the rolls.

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT: The major project in this city was the development of the Wyoming Cemetery, reclaiming 16 acres of land for burial purposes. Drains and roadways have been constructed, trees planted, and nine sections have been filled, graded, and seeded, and these turned over to the cemetery trustees for sales of lots and graves, from which account the money was appropriated for this work. Also, 390 lineal feet of two-faced cut stone wall with scotch cap, and the East entrance gate on Lebanon Street was completed.

CITY CLERK'S DEPARTMENT: This project provided for the sorting, reclassification, indexing, and filing of all Aldermanic records from the year 1900 to the present time.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: This department sponsored a survey to determine exact location of all hydrants, fire and police boxes, catch basins, and water mains, and take data on water pressure, same to be carded and a complete set of maps made and furnished to the Fire Department and Water Department. This information will be of material aid to both departments, especially in case of severe storms.

PARK DEPARTMENT: The principal project sponsored by this department was providing for the clearing of the Mt. Hood

Reservation, construction of parking areas, surfacing and resurfacing of service roads, clearing sides of roads, ponds, and grading, clearing up gravel pits, extending 4th fairway, grading over existing pipe lines, removal of boulders and ledge, making picnic grounds, and constructing 15 fire places. The construction of a brick storage warehouse to replace the old structure which was damaged by the hurricane was completed.

PINE BANKS PARK: A crew of W. P. A. men and N. Y. A. youths were assigned to the park to clear away damage caused by the hurricane. A crew of N. Y. A. youths have constructed a cement bridge and erected a garage in this park, and at the present time are being schooled in tree surgery and pruning.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: This department sponsored a project for the cataloguing and indexing of all police department records from the year 1915 to the present time, so as to systematize the records to conform with those of surrounding cities in uniformity.

PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT: This Board actively participated in all relief work in sponsoring the sewing unit project and in the distribution of clothing and surplus commodities. The Federal Government distributed clothing and food valued at $48,946.48. This department also sponsored the Housekeeping Aid Project which provided for free home assistance in house work and for caring for children in the homes of the needy, where the housewife was totally or partially incapacitated because of ill health. Eleven women were employed on this project.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: One of the principal features of work done by this department was the trimming, pruning, and sanitation work on trees on City streets, and the removal of hurricane damage. A tree survey project was conducted to determine location and condition of all trees on City streets and property. A complete record, both on cards and maps for ready reference, was made. This department also sponsored a National Youth Project giving 28 boys instruction in tree sanitation.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT: This department participated in the relief program through the interior decoration of class rooms in the Coolidge, Washington, Winthrop, and High School, and the exterior and interior painting of the Whittier School. Also, 11,000 square feet of new floors were laid in class rooms, and men were employed on storm damage to exterior of school buildings caused by the hurricane. This department also sponsored a study of school planning and trend and school population survey. Information gained from this survey to be a guide in developing a program for present and future school planning.

ADMINISTRATION: Control and execution, clerical and accounting work connected with execution of all Works Progress Administration Projects, and assisting those needing relief in procuring work on the W. P. A.

Respectfully submitted,

GLENN T. HOYT,
Sponsor's Agent.

CITY OF MELROSE
1939
FEDERAL AND CITY OF MELROSE EXPENDITURES

	Federal W.P.A. Labor	Federal W.P.A. Materials	Percentage of Participation	City of Melrose	Expenditures Total Costs
Cemetery Department ..	$ 78,545.45		48.8	$19,122.63	$ 97,668.08
City Clerk's Dept.	3,858.17		.3	107.34	3,965.51
Fire Department	4,596.35		.0		4,596.35
Park Department	53,901.26	$2,626.20	25.5	10,002.10	66,529.56
Pine Banks Park Dept. .	189.90		.3	113.72	303.62
Police Department	2,276.49		1.4	535.52	2,812.01
Public Works Dept	18,962.56		.3	131.78	19,094.34
School Department	15,579.17		6.0	2,356.12	17,935.29
Housekeeping Aides, Public Welfare Dept. .	6,145.12		.0		6,145.12
Sewing Unit, Public Welfare Dept. .	22,311.19		13.9	5,434.69	27,745.88
Surplus Commodities ...	4,775.05		2.7	1,050.00	5,825.05
National Youth	5,274.25		.8	328.34	5,602.59
Administration			.0	6,700.00	6,700.00
Totals	$216,414.96	$2,626.20	100.0	$45,882.24	$264,923.40

REPORT OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Mayor
and Board of Aldermen,
Melrose, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

The fortieth annual report of the Public Works Department is herewith submitted.

This department has been greatly assisted in the performance of its duties by the close co-operation of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, and by all the employees who have worked loyally for the best interest of the City.

Credit for this report is given to the heads of the various divisions of the Public Works Department who have compiled it.

Mr. Charles F. Woodward was retired under the Pension Act on June 30, 1938.

Mr. Woodward has always lived in Melrose. As a boy he worked with the late Walter Stevens and did a great deal of surveying work in and around Melrose. When the Town engineering department was organized in 1894 Mr. Woodward went on the town payroll and has been employed by the Town and City up to the time of his retirement. Through his connection with Mr. Stevens and his long service with the Town and City he obtained much valuable information regarding local surveying problems connected with real estate, highway, sewer and water development. This information was of great benefit to the City.

We enjoy his daily visits and hope they may continue for many years to come.

City Hall Alterations

City Hall Alterations made with the co-operation of the Public Works Administration have been completed at a total cost of $68,567.17, of which amount $29,498.38 was contributed by the Public Works Administration.

Southeast Sewer

The southeast sewer project was built in co-operation with the Pulic Works Administration and has been completed at a total cost of $160,209.64. Of this amount $70,849.91 was contributed by the United States Government.

Attached hereto are tables showing the work done during the year and a financial statement showing the itemized costs.

Respectfully submitted,
FRED E. ELLIS,
Engr. and Supt. Public Works.

ORGANIZATION — 1939

Engineer and Superintendent
FRED E. ELLIS

Division Assistants

Engineering:	EDWIN H. KING
Highway:	JOHN B. SIMONDS
Sewer and Drains:	S. HALE HARDING
Water:	DENNIS J. MURPHY

WATER DIVISION

Two thousand four hundred forty-eight (2,448) feet of new mains were laid during the year, and three thousand four hundred and five (3,405) feet laid replacing cement and iron pipe of smaller size.

73 new services were laid
5 leaks in cast iron pipes repaired
3 additional hydrants were set
64 new meters were installed and
4 old meters discarded

The following repairs and changes were made:

9 joints in mains were repaired
151 services in streets renewed
55 services in private premises renewed
1 service abandoned
122 old meters discarded and replaced with new

Number of water services	6,344
Number of meters on services	6,266
Number of fire hydrants in service	487
Number of drinking fountains	10
Number of fire services	26
Number of gates on mains	1,127
Length of mains in miles	71.40

TOTAL LENGTH OF WATER PIPES IN CITY

Size in Inches	Length in Feet
¾ inch	956
1 "	1,425
1½ "	1,611
2 "	7,610
4 "	47,050
6 "	213,292
8 "	31,709
10 "	31,583
12 "	26,223
14 "	3,024
16 "	12,464
Totals	376,947 lin. ft.

Summary:

There are 376,947 lin. ft. or 71.40 Miles of Water Mains in the City.

WATER CONSTRUCTION — 1939

LOCATION	Cast Iron Pipe		Gates		Hydrants	
	Size Inches	Lin. Feet	Size Inches	No.	Size Inches	No.
Boardman Ave. at Arlington Rd.	6	38				
Arlington Rd. Boardman Ave. North	10	315	10 - 6	1 -1	6	1
Damon Ave. Cochrane St. Westerly and Northerly	6	408				
Clinton Rd. Russell St. Southerly	8	208	8	1		
Temple St. Connecting Dead ends	6	165	6	1		
Swains Pond Ave. Opp. No. 287	6	28	6	1	6	1
Birch Hill Rd. Harold to Webster Ave.	8	584	8	2		
Birch Hill Rd. near Webster Ave.	6	20	6	1	6	1
Lynn Fells Parkway, Nelson Rd. to Old Brook Rd.	6	37	6	2		
*Lynn Fells Parkway, Nelson Rd. to Old Brook Rd.	6	645				
Totals		2,448		10		3

*Transite Pipe
There were 73 new services laid; a total 1,250 lin. ft.

RELAY MAIN LINE — 1939

Lebanon St. Hopkins St. to Forest St.	10	416				
Brazil St. Washington St. to Malden line	6	934	6	2		
Hopkins St. Forest St. to Lebanon St.	6	528	6	2	6	1
Lebanon St. Hopkins St.—Northerly	10	65	10	1		
Lebanon St. Forest St. to Malden line	10	1,170	10	6		
Lebanon St. at Bratley St. and at Malden line	6	147	6	1		
Hawthorn St. Beacon St.—Easterly	2	145				
Totals		3,405		12		1

There were 151 services renewed with a total of 2,391 lin. ft.

INDIVIDUAL WALKS 1939

STREET	OWNERS	Tar Concrete		Granolithic Sq. Ft.		Sodding	Edgestone		
		Walks	Drives	Walks	Drives		Straight	Curved	Blocks
Maple St. # 62	Annie Chick						40.0	15.7	
Russell St. # 58 | 60	James Findlay						45.0		4
Auburn St. # 29	W. W. Twombly			271.0	118.0				
Bellevue Ave. #44	D. O. Wolfe			364.0	129.0		60.0		2
Main St. # 76	Daisy McKenna			143.6	107.1		15.0		
Lebanon St. # 561	Geo. H. Jackman	322.0							
	Total	322.0		778.6	354.1		160.0	15.7	6

Note: Added to above work the City constructed or widened 25 driveways using 36 corner blocks, 466.0 sq. ft. Grano. and 422.0 sq. ft. Tar concrete.

CONTINUOUS WALKS 1939

STREET	FROM	TO	Granolithic Sq. Ft.		Sodding Sq. Ft.	Loam Sq. Ft.	EDGESTONE		
			Walks	Drives			Straight	Curved	Blocks
E. Foster St. (So. Side) ...	Larrabee St.	Westerly	1025.0	82.0	564.0		200.0	15.7	2
Thurston Rd. (Both Sides)	Hesseltine Ave.	Damon Ave.	5205.75	1331.9	3827.0				
Howard St. (So. Side)	No. 133	No. 235	4402.50	1590.8	3307.2		200.0		8
Malvern St. (So. Side)	Linwood Ave.	Potter St.	1264.25	343.2	741.0				6
Whitman Ave. (So. Side) ..	No. 68	No. 80			545.6				
Laurel St. (Both Sides) ...	No. 169 & No. 170	No. 171 & No. 174	995.20	271.7	521.4		200.0		6
*Sheffield Rd. (Both Sides)	Ardsmoor Rd.	Porter St.	7597.50	2037.1		5700.0			
		Totals	20,490.20	5656.70	9506.2	5700.0	600.0	15.7	22

*Unfinished

1938 Continuous Walks Completed 1939

Ardsmoor Rd (Both Sides)	Sheffield Rd.	Upham St.			4620.0				
Pearl St. (No. Side)	Damon Ave.	Cochrane St.			575.0				
Damon Ave. (W. Side) .	So. Cor. Thurston Rd.	No. Cor. Thurston ...			335.0				
Albion St. (W. Side)	Melrose St.	No. 12			470.0				
Howard St. (So. Side) ...	No. 133	No. 201							
Damon Ave. (W. Side ...	Frost Ave.	Heywood Ave.							
					6000.00				

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION 1939

STREET	FROM	TO	No. of Blocks	EDGESTONE		MACADAM	
				Straight	Curved	Lin. ft.	Sq. Yds.
Ardsmoor Rd.	Sheffield Rd.	Upham St.					
Sheffield Rd.	Ardsmoor Rd.	Porter St.	40	1350.0	177.0	955.0	2350.0
		Totals	40	1350.0	177.0	955.0	2350.0

HIGHWAY WORK AT MT. HOOD (Gravel Surface Treated)

			Length	Width	Sq. Yds.
Tower Rd.	Garage	Mt. Hood Tower	2700.0	20	6000
Mt. Hood Rd.	Garage	Fish & Game Club	2100.0	20	3665
Club House Drive .		At. Mt. Hood Memorial Golf Club House .	700.0	10	780
		Totals	5500.0		10,445

The City also widened Lebanon St. — South of Sylvan St. and started to widen Vinton St. at angle — North of Lynn Fells Parkway this work to be completed in 1940.

STREETS RETREADED 1939

STREET	FROM	TO	Length lin. ft.	Width lin. ft.	Sq. Yds.
Main St.	Porter St.	Wakefield line	4350.0	20	9700.0
Bellevue Ave.	Upham St.	Lynn Fells Parkway	1940.0	20	5600.0
Rowe St.	Porter St.	Emerson St. E.	840.0	20	1865.0
School St.	Porter St.	Upham St.	1302.0	20	2900.0
Sewall St.	Upham St.	First St.	390.0	20	865.0
Larrabee St.	First St.	Grove St.	890.0	20	1980.0
		Total	9712.0		22,910.0

1939 SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS

STREET	FROM	TO	Bituminous Curb Lin. Ft.	Bituminous Walks Sq. Ft.	Loam and Seed Sq. Ft.	Gravel Walks Sq. Ft.
Ashland St. ..... E. Side	Melrose St.	Franklin St.	1130		3670.0	
Ashland St. .... W. Side	Melrose St.	Ellsworth Ave.	930		2514.0	
Appleton St. .... So. Side	Lebanon St.	Easterly	72		304.0	450.0
Appleton St. .... No. Side	Lebanon St.	Easterly	115		460.0	800.0
Batchelder St. .. E. Side	Porter St.	Parkway	610		1740.0	
Batchelder St. .. W. Side	Porter St.	Northerly	380		990.0	
Chestnut St. .... E. Side	Mt. Vernon St.	Northerly	573		1650.0	
Chestnut St. .... W. Side	Wyoming Ave. ...	Lynde St.	483		1380.0	
Emerson St. W. . So. Side	Poplar St.	Easterly	105	550.0	200.0	
Ferdinand St. .... E. Side	Franklin St.	York Terr.		5400.0		
Foster St. E. .. No. Side	Waverly Ave.	Westerly	537		2536.0	3020.0
Foster St. E. ... So. Side	Waverly Ave.	Westerly	276		968.0	1380.0
Franklin St. .... No. Side	Ferdinand St. ...	Easterly		5609.0		
Gooch St. ..... E. Side	Grove St.	Northerly	435		300.0	1200.0
Gooch St. ..... W. Side	Grove St.	Northerly	100		475.0	
Linden Rd. ..... E. Side	Porter St.	Parkway	462		1020.0	
Linden Rd. .... W. Side	Porter St.	Northerly	196		402.0	1000.0
Mt. Vernon St. .. So. Side	Main St.	Easterly	285		528.0	
Melrose St. .... No. Side	Ashland St.	Tremont St.	590	290.0	2504.0	
Maple St. ..... So. Side	At Poplar St.					
Porter St. ..... No. Side	Rowe St.	Bellevue Ave.	632	225.0	1572.0	
Porter St. ..... No. Side	Batchelder St.	Easterly	222	1110.0	280.0	
Poplar St. ..... W. Side	Emerson St.	Maple St.	800		1750.0	1440.0
Poplar St. ..... E. Side	Emerson St.	Maple St.	536	1530.0	1440.0	
Rowe St. ..... E. Side	Emerson St.	Porter St.	1100		2850.0	
Summer St. ..... E. Side	Wyoming Ave.	Lynde St.	566	324.0	1698.0	
Swains Pond Ave. W. Side	Malden line	Northerly	935			5610.0
Trenton St. .... W. Side	Washington St. ..	Northerly	328		520.0	
Vinton St. ..... E. Side	Franklin St.	Melrose St.	260		430.0	
Washington St. .. E. Side	Gould St.	Trenton St.	426		1050.0	1750.0
Waverly Ave. .. W. Side	Laurel St.	Northerly	571		1136.0	1520.0
Walton Pk. ..... E. Side	Orris St.	Southerly		4170.0		
Woodland Ave. .. E. Side	Franklin St.	Northerly		322.0		
Youle St. ..... No. Side	Vinton St.	Parkway	780		188.0	345.0
Youle St. ..... So. Side	Vinton St.	Parkway	686		1600.0	
		Totals	15,421.0	19,530.0	36,155.0	18,515.0

1939 SURFACE DRAINAGE CONSTRUCTION

STREET AND LOCATION	Pipe			No. of Manholes	No. of C. Bs.
	Kind	Size Inches	Length Feet		
Sheffield Rd. (Ang. to Kiley's Brook)	Concrete	12	209	1	3
Sheffield Rd. (Ang. to Kiley's Brook)	Concrete	10	119		
# 87 Mt. Vernon Ave. (Rear)	Akron	10	145	1	2
# 25 Appleton St.	Akron	10	85	1	
# 25 Appleton St.	Akron	8	32		1
Ell Pond Brook (Winter Place Northerly)	Conduit	6' x 8'	243	1	
Ell Pond Brook (Winter Place Northerly)	Walled	6	133		
Spot Pond Brook At end of Cutter St.	Conduit	4' x 8'	80		
City Hall Roof drain conn.	Akron	8	34		
		Total	1080.0	4	6

SUMMARY

209 feet, 12 inch Concrete Pipe
119 feet, 10 inch Concrete Pipe
230 feet, 10 inch Akron Pipe
66 feet, 8 inch Akron Pipe
72 feet, 5 inch Akron Pipe
243 feet, 6 feet x 8 feet Conduit
80 feet, 4 feet x 8 feet Conduit
133 feet, 6 inch Walls
947 feet & 133 feet Walls — 1080 lin. ft.
4 Manholes
6 Catch Basins
1 House Conn.

1938 SEWER CONSTRUCTION

STREET	LOCATION	Pipe		No. Manholes
		Size Inches	Length Feet	
Clinton Rd.	Washington St. to Russell St.	8 & 6	496.0 & 1900	6
Greenleaf Pl.	Greenleaf Pl. So. to Trunk Sewer	6	505	2
Meadowview Rd.	Country Club Rd. to Porter St.	8	894	5
Old Brook Rd. & Lynn Fells Pkwy.	Nelson Rd to Old Brook Rd.	8	885	5
Birch Hill Rd.	Harold St. to Webster Ave.	8	594	3
Damon Ave.	Ruggles St. Easterly	8	225	3

SOUTH-EAST SECTION — P. W. A.

Lebanon St.	Cemetery to Malden line	18	2651.7	11
Lebanon St., Surface	Hopkins St. Southerly	8	312.0	3
Lebanon St., Surface	Mountain Ave. Westerly	8	343.5	3
Lebanon St., Surface	Cargill St. Westerly	8	213.5	2
Hunt Terr.	Forest St. Southerly	8	278.0	1
Naples Rd.	Lebanon St. Forest St.	8	819.5	7
Church St.	Forest St. Mountain Ave.	8	199.0	2
Spear St.	Mountain Ave. Northerly	8	994.2	9
Bratley St.	Lebanon St. Northerly	8	454.0	3
Mountain Ave. So.	Lebanon St. Southerly	8	420.0	3
Mountain Ave. No.	Lebanon St. Northerly	8	751.9	3
Forest St. So.	Lebanon St. Malden line	8	621.3	4
Forest St. No.	Lebanon St. Willard St.	8	1671.6	10
No. Forest St.	Willard St. Northerly	8	205.5	2
Hopkins St.	Lebanon St. Forest St.	8	436.2	3
Temple St.	Spear St. Prescott St.	8	628.0	4
Cargill St.	Lebanon St. Southerly	8	370.7	2
Hancock St.	Mountain Ave. Prescott St.	8	539.4	4
Oxford St.	Naples Rd. Hopkins St.	8	529.0	5
Meacham St.	Spear St. Whitman Ave.	8	289.0	2
Whitman Ave.	Meacham St. Southerly	8	434.7	2
Willard St.	Forest St. Westerly	8	349.0	1
Maple Grove St.	Swains Pond Ave. Westerly	8	234.0	2
Worth St.	Swains Pond Ave. Westerly	8	380.4	2
Prescott St.	Hancock St. Temple St.	8	168.7	1
Swains Pond Ave.	Maple Grove St. Maple Terr.	15	667.5	7
Swains Pond Ave.	Maple Grove St. Malden line	8	81.0	1
Rt. of Way	Lebanon St. Maple Grove St.	15	677.5	3
Rt. of Way	Forest St. Spear St.	8	377.0	3
	TOTAL		19,887.0	129

83 House connections
130 Manholes

RECAPITULATION

695 feet, 6 inch Akron
15,195 feet, 8 inch Akron
1,345 feet, 15 inch Akron
2,652 feet, 18 inch Akron

19,887 lin. ft.

SEWER SYSTEM AS OF DEC. 31, 1939

Size	Length
6 in. Akron Pipe	138,507 lin. ft.
8 in. " "	115,077 " "
10 in. " "	21,947 " "
12 in. " "	12,916 " "
15 in. " "	6,175 " "
18 in. " "	11,691 " "
20 in. " "	2,788 " "
20 in. Brick "	111 " "
24 in. Akron "	213 " "
24 in. Brick "	28 " "
24 in. D. S. Akron Pipe	1,771 " "
24 in. Iron Pipe	24 " "
18 in. x 24 in. Brick Pipe	3,035 " "
Total ...	315,283 " "

Total length of sewers 315,283 lin. ft. or 59.70 miles, 2.40 miles included are owned by the Comm. of Mass. and controlled by them but are used by the City.

IMPROVED DRAINAGE SYSTEM DECEMBER 31, 1939

Size and Kind of Pipe		Length in Feet
6 in. Iron	Pipe	280.0
8 in. Akron	"	1,291.0
10 in. Akron	"	7,885.0
10 in. Iron	"	442.0
10 in. Cement	"	119.0
12 in. Akron	"	49,024.0
12 in. Iron	"	1,055.0
12 in. Cement	"	3,260.0
15 in. Akron	"	20,361.0
15 in. Cement	"	747.0
16 in. Akron	"	284.0
16 in. Iron	"	1,284.0
18 in. Akron	"	9,243.0
18 in. Iron	"	1,213.0
18 in. Cement	"	1,238.0
20 in. Akron	"	6,289.0
20 in. Iron	"	556.0
24 in. Akron	"	3,076.0
24 in. Cement	"	1,549.0
24 in. Iron	"	524.0
30 in. Iron	"	1,222.0
30 in. Cement	"	2,797.0
36 in. Cement	"	94.0
36 in. Iron	"	1,537.0
42 in. Iron	"	568.0
48 in. Iron	"	68.0
Brick Conduit		659.0
Concrete Conduit		13,173.0
Total lin. ft.		129,838.0

Concrete Culverts, 12 — Manholes, 552 — Catch Basins, 948
Total length of drains, 129,838 lin. ft. or 24.6 miles

STATISTICS
CITY OF MELROSE
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS

Location	7 miles north of Boston
Population, January 1, 1938	24,670
Number of Voters	13,285
Greatest extent of the city north and south	2.44 miles
Greatest extent of the city east and west	2.95 miles
Valuation of Real Estate	$35,773,800.00
Valuation of Personal Property	$2,726,250.00
Tax Rate, per thousand	$33.80

Area of City:

Land	3,079.50 acres	
Water	35.50 acres	3,115 acres
Length of public streets		57.39 miles
Length of private streets		16.22 miles
Total length of water mains		71.40 miles
Total length of sewers		59.70 miles
Range of pressure on mains from		100 to 23 lbs.
Number of 600 candle power incandescent lights		65
Number of 250 candle power incandescent lights		44
Number of 100 candle power incandescent lights		4
Number of 60 candle power incandescent lights		1019
Number of luminous arcs, all night — 62; to midnight — 21		83
Number of automatic traffic signal outfits		6

Area of Parks:

Bowden Park	.62 acres
Ell Pond Park	34.41 acres
Horace Mann Park	.60 acres
Lincoln School Playground	1.60 acres
Melrose Common	4.4 acres
Messenger's Meadow Playground	2.89 acres
Middlesex Fells	170.0 acres
Mt. Hood	225.0 acres
Pine Banks Park	81.8 acres
Sewall Woods Park	9.0 acres
Wyoming Cemetery	43.5 acres

Elevation, Main Street at City Hall	61 ft. above mean low tide
Elevation, Franklin Square	85 ft. above mean low tide

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
CITY OF MELROSE
1939

Water Construction

Tax Levy	$ 25,000.00		
B. of A. Orders	600.00	$ 25,600.00	
Less B. of A. Orders		2,500.00	$ 23,100.00
Expended:—			
Meters Set		107.20	
Services		1,931.54	
Main Line—			
Arlington Road	1,638.26		
Birch Hill Road	2,100.47		
Boardman Avenue	225.47		
Brazil Street	3,531.04		
Clinton Road	1,009.70		
Damon Avenue	1,227.39		
Hopkins Street	2,133.53		
Lebanon Street	6,111.74		
Lynn Fells Parkway	1,494.74		
Spear Street	278.71		
Standish Road	122.03		
Swain's Pond Avenue	251.80		
Temple Street	818.50	20,943.38	22,982.12
		Balance	$ 117.88

Water Construction—Swains Pond Avenue

Balance B. of A. Order #19442	1.15
Expended:—	
Invoices	1.15

Cost of Water System

Cost of System to Jan. 1, 1939	$968,297.81	
Construction 1939	22,983.27	
Cost of System to Jan. 1, 1940		$991,281.08

Inside Services and Charges—Working Account

Budget 1939	$ 1,000.00		
Committed from Deposit Account	81.45	$ 1,081.45	
Less:—			
Committed Items	81.45		
B. of A. Order	500.00	581.45	$ 500.00

Expended:—		
Labor	91.81	
Material and Overhead	106.29	
Teams and Invoices	9.96	208.06
Balance		291.94

Inside Services and Charges—Accounts Receivable

Accounts Due—Jan. 1, 1939	$ 685.60	
Committed 1939	278.21	$ 963.91
Less:—		
Abatements	23.12	
Receipts	289.38	312.50
Accounts Receivable— January 1, 1940		651.31

Inside Services and Charges—Deposit Account

Balance for 1938	$ 20.00	
Committed Items	81.45	
Deposits	4,377.00	
	4,478.45	
Less—Refunds	1,463.93	$ 3,014.52
Expended:—		
Labor	1,464.71	
Material and Overhead	1,305.55	
Teams and Invoices	184.26	2,954.52
Balance		$ 60.00

Inside Services and Charges—Deposit Accounts Receivable

Accounts Receivable—Jan. 1, 1939	$ 6.62	
Committed Items—1939	81.45	$ 88.07
Less:—		
Receipts—1939		9.87
Deposit Accounts Receivable Jan. 1, 1940		78.20

File Liens on Unpaid Water Bills

Balance 1938	$ 631.29

None Expended

New Water Meters

Budget 1939	$ 2,000.00
Expended:—	
Invoices	1,917.81
Balance	$ 82.19

W. P. A. Water Gates—Locate and Plot.

Balance 1939	55.83
None Expended	

Water Rates—City of Malden

Budget 1939	$ 300.00	
Tax Levy	161.77	$ 461.77
Expended:—		
Invoices		461.77

Water Maintenance

Budget 1939		$ 18,000.00	
B. of A. Orders		2,500.00	
Receipts		16.00	
		$ 20,516.00	
Less—B. of A. Order		100.00	
			$ 20,416.00
Expended:—			
Overhead			
Salaries and Wages	$ 185.34		
Expense	3,171.89	$ 3,357.23	
Credit by Receipts		4,224.43	867.20
Material			
Stock Labor	309.72		
Purchases	12,816.82	13,126.54	
Credit by Receipts		12,403.48	723.06
Hydrants			845.62
Main Line			2,477.20
Meters			
Read		3,690.07	
Remove and Repair		1,583.09	5,273.16
Services			8,590.25
Relay Mains			
Hawthorne St.		295.31	
Lebanon St.		2,727.57	3,022.88 20,064.97
Balance			$ 351.03

Highway Repairing

Budget—1939	$ 13,000.00		
Tax Levy	10,000.00		
Deposits	321.39	$ 23,321.39	
Less—B. of A. Order		1,000.00	$ 22,321.39
Expended:—			
Overhead—Expense	4,201.92		
Credits by Receipts	5,416.68	1,214.76	
Material—Purchases	2,098.60		
Credits by Receipts	2,170.09	71.49	
Guard Rail		494.82	
Minor Repairs		508.74	
Street Resurfacing		1,933.78	
Street Signs and Numbers		1,273.70	
Tar Patching		11,647.77	
Traffic Painting		516.19	
Minor Charges		267.00	
Repairs by Streets:			
Ashland Street	82.99		
Appleton Street	186.81		
Batchelder Street	590.58		
Beech Avenue	51.63		
Belmont Street	23.54		
Chestnut St.	87.12		
E. Foster Street	625.50		
Garden Street	19.62		
Gooch Street	421.19		
Grove Street	85.85		
Hopkins Street	21.84		
Lebanon Street	23.70		
Linden Road	155.05		
Linwood Avenue	123.04		
Meridian Street	87.94		
Mt. Vernon Street	169.39		
Park Street	348.08		
Poplar Street	330.14		
Rowe Street	153.22		
Summer Street	189.92		
Swains Pond Avenue	518.30		
Sylvan Street	91.60		
Temple Street	47.03		
Tremont Street	39.46		
Vinton Street	698.66		
Washington Street	295.81		

Waverly Avenue	308.45		
West Wyoming Avenue	674.92		
Youle Street	393.30	6,844.68	22,200.43
Balance			$ 120.96

Traffic Signs and Markings

Budget—1939		$ 500.00
Expended:—		
Labor	$ 289.57	
Material and Overhead	28.95	
Teams and Invoices	181.26	499.78
Balance		$ .22

Highway Construction

Tax Levy	$ 10,000.00		
Unexpended Balances	4,396.16	14,396.16	
Less—B. of A. Orders		11,380.38	$ 3,015.78
Expended:—			
Albion Street		4.42	
Lebanon Street		1,973.18	
Vinton Street		942.91	2,920.51
Balance			$ 95.27

Summary of Net Expenditures—Highway Construction
B. of A. Orders from Highway Construction and Cash Receipts

Howard Street	Order #3755	$ 113.21	
Ledge Street	4292	10.64	
Mt. Hood:—			
Fish and Game Club Road		226.65	
Recreation Bldg Walks and Road		228.77	
Tower Road		298.21	
Sheffield Road	3870	6,446.09	
General Account		2,920.51	$ 10,244.08

Stables—Salaries and Wages

Budget—1939	$ 1,100.00	
Less—B. of A. Order	341.44	$ 758.56
Expended:—		
Payrolls		758.56

Stables Other Expenses

Budget—1939		$ 1,000.00	
Receipts		47.79	
		1,047.79	
Less—B. of A. Orders		255.07	$ 792.72
Expended:—			
Hay and Grain		238.41	
Horse Care—Shoeing	$ 104.75		
Sundries	.60	105.35	
Repairs—Wagon	38.45		
Harness	1.00	39.45	
Telephone		16.62	
Water Rates		4.04	
Insurance		69.91	
Heat, Light and Bldg. Repairs		285.77	
Sundries		33.17	792.72

Summary of Stables Accounts

Salaries and Wages	$ 758.56	
Other Expense	792.72	$ 1,551.28
Receipts from use		1,924.56
Net Credit above cost of operation		$ 373.28

Automotive — Salaries and Wages

Budget — 1939	2,500.00
Expended:—	
Payrolls	2,346.13
Balance	$ 153.87

Automotive — Other Expense

Budget — 1939	$ 7,500.00	
B. of A. Order	341.44	
Cash Receipts	99.39	$ 7,940.83
Expended:—		
Repairs and Parts	1,811.16	
Gasoline	2,558.59	
Supplies	290.25	
Oil, Grease and Alcohol	527.03	
Tires and Tubes	679.03	
Battery Care	86.35	

Garage Rent	144.00	
Telephone	62.25	
Tools	124.27	
Heat, Light and Bldg. Repairs	521.97	
Insurance	1,062.77	
Sundries	66.87	7,934.54
Balance		$ 6.29

Summary of Automotive Accounts

Salaries and Wages	$ 2,346.13	
Other Expense	7,934.54	$ 10,280.67
Receipts from use		13,310.25
Net Credit above cost of operation		3.029.58

Purchase of Pick-up Truck

B. of A. Order No. 4167	$ 600.00
None Expended	

Purchase of Pick-up Truck

Balance 1938	$ 146.84
Less B. of A. Order	146.84

Purchase of Three Garbage Trucks

Tax Levy — 1939	$ 5,400.00	
Less B. of A. Order	922.70	$ 4,477.30
Expended:—		
Material	13.85	
Invoices	4.463.45	4,477.30

Purchase of Garbage Truck

B. of A. Order No. 4167	$ 1,200.00
None Expended	

City Yard — Salaries and Wages

Budget — 1939	$ 1,580.00
Expended:—	
Payrolls	1,578.06
Balance	$ 1.94

City Yard — Improvement

Budget — 1939			$ 1,500.00
Expended:—			
Labor		$ 564.42	
Stock and Overhead		83.17	
Teams and Invoices		852.19	$ 1,499.78
Balance			$ .22

Street Lighting

Budget — 1939	$ 25,300.00		
Tax Levy	8,900.00		
Cash Receipts	42.00	$ 34,242.00	
Less—B. of A. Order		150.00	$ 34,092.00
Expended:—			
Invoices			33,800.98
Balance			$ 291.02

Snow Removal and Sanding

Tax Levy		$ 20,000.00	
B. of A. Order		1,000.00	$ 21,000.00
Expended:—			
Plowing		4,041.82	
Removing		10,847.74	
Sanding		4,114.78	
Overhead		1,824.36	
Sundries		157.87	20,986.57
Balance			$ 13.43

Purchase of Snow Plows

Balance — 1938		$ 1,900.00	
Less—B. of A. Order		16.15	$ 1,883.85
Expended:—			
Invoices			1,883.85

Insurance

Budget — 1939		$ 6,500.00	
Receipts		56.65	$ 6,556.65
Expended:—			
Invoices			6,550.88
Balance			$ 5.77

Vacations

Tax Levy — 1939		$ 5,500.00
Expended:—		
Payrolls		5,453.81
Baance		$ 46.19

Pensions

Budget — 1939		$ 15,666.00
Expended:—		
Payrolls		15,085.83
Balance		$ 580.17

Claims Settled

B. of A. Order		
No. 3532 Irene E. Butler	$ 50.00	
3624 Eleanor A. Mansfield ..	45.00	
3858 Charles H. Northrup ..	80.00	
3892 Arthur S. Barnes	35.00	
4190 Edna L. Kempton	112.00	
3955 Emma Holmes	361.00	
3859 Mary L. Spurr	125.00	
3834aMichael Lynch	250.00	$ 1,058.00

Sewer and Drain Construction

Tax Levy	$ 25,000.00		
Unexpended Balances	4,671.92		
Deposits	6.24	$ 29,678.16	
Less — B. of A. Orders		26,103.50	$ 3,574.66

Expended:—

Sewers—

Overhead Expense	$3,112.56		
Credit by Receipts	4,101.96	$ 989.40	
Material—Purchases	1,813.83		
Credit by Receipts	1,436.32	377.51	
Ashland Place		70.82	$ 541.07

Drains—

Beech Avenue	22.80
Ell Pond Brook @ Winter St.	2,997.48
Spear Street	10.89
Spot Pond Brook	322.15

Sylvan Street	256.79		
Vinton Street	412.88	4,022.99	3,481.92
Balance			$ 92.74

P. W. A. Docket No. Mass. 1389-F
South East Sewer Construction

Balance from 1938	$150,608.14		
Government Receipts	6,719.11		
Cash Receipts	4.00	$157,331.25	
Less — Payment on Bond Issue		120,000.00	$145,331.25
Expended:—			
Estimates—Contract No. 1 and No. 2		117,310.52	
Engineering Fees		9,063.04	
Recording—Middlesex Registry of Deeds, etc.		46.14	
Release on claim — Annie F. Meelia		300.00	
Test Materials		34.00	
Telephone		3.15	
Prints		.75	126,757.60
Balance			$18,573.65

Reserve Accruals—

1938	—	$ 1,343.41
1939	—	11,959.66
Reserves to be paid in 1940		$13,303.07

Summary of Net Expenditures — Sewer Construction

Birch Hill Road	Order No. 4191	$ 4,288.91	
Clinton Road	3560	4,104.47	
Damon Avenue	4052	577.80	
Greenleaf Place	4031	1,904.03	
Lynn Fells Parkway	3797	127.22	
Meadowview Road	3385	2,820.31	
Old Brook Road	4152	5,479.82	
*PWA Docket No. Mass. 1389-F So. East Sewer		126,757.60	
Sewer and Drain Construction—General Account		541.07	$145,519.09

*Reserve Held — $13,303.07

Cost of Sewerage System

Cost of System to January 1, 1939	$980,469.19	
Expended — 1939	145.519.09	
Cost of System to January 1, 1940		$1,125,988.28

Private Sewers — Working Account

Budget — 1939	$ 800.00		
Tax Levy	200.00		
Committed Items	96.53	$ 1,096.53	
Less — Committed Items		96.53	$ 1,000.00
Expended:—			
Labor		189.62	
Stock and Overhead		64.27	
Teams and Invoices		129.33	383.22
Balance			$ 616.78

Private Sewers — Accounts Receivable

Accounts Receivable — January 1, 1939	$230.68	
Committed — 1939	384.97	$615.65
Less:—		
Abated	4.75	
Receipts	371.07	375.82
Accounts Receivable — January 1, 1940		$239.83

Private Sewers — Deposit Account

Balance — 1938	$ 75.00		
Committed Items	96.53		
Deposits	6,465.00	$ 6,636.53	
Less — Refunds		1,806.71	$ 4,829.82
Expended:—			
Labor		2,558.94	
Stock and Overhead		1,902.58	
Teams and Invoices		213.30	4,674.82
Balance			$ 155.00

Private Sewer Deposits — Accounts Receivable

Account Receivable — January 1, 1939	$ 62.33	
Committed — 1939	96.53	$ 158.86
Less:—		
Receipts 1939		95.53
Accounts Receivable January 1, 1940		$ 63.33

Sewer Maintenance

Budget — 1939		$ 3,000.00
Expended:—		
Labor	$ 2,398.32	
Stock and Overhead	405.01	
Teams and Invoices	180.78	2,984.11
Balance		$ 15.89

Sewer Connections

Balance — 1938	$ 87.45	
Credits from used connections	517.15	$ 604.60
Expended:—		
Labor	31.49	
Stock and Overhead	9.41	
Teams and Invoices	4.20	45.10
Balance		$ 559.50

Appleton Street Drain

B. of A. Order No. 4154	$ 545.00	
Less — To General Account	31.64	$ 513.36
Expended:—		
Labor	258.33	
Stock and Overhead	112.06	
Teams and Invoices	142.97	513.36

Mt. Vernon Avenue — Drain

B. of A. Order No. 4115	$ 400.00	
Less — To General Account	95.28	$ 304.72
Expended:—		
Labor	166.27	
Stock and Overhead	56.33	
Teams and Invoices	82.12	304.72

Cost of Surface Drainage System

Cost of System to January 1, 1939	$557,263.56	
Expended — 1939	4,851.37	
Cost of System to January 1, 1940		$562,114.93

Surface Drainage Maintenance

Budget — 1939		$ 7,000.00
Expended:—		
Labor	$ 5,510.76	
Stock and Overhead	911.90	
Teams and Invoices	576.32	6,998.98
Balance		$ 1.02

Continuous Walks

Budget — 1939	$ 7,500.00		
Unexpended Balances	3,422.98	$ 10,922.98	
Less — B. of A. Orders		10,230.40	$ 692.58
Expended:—			
Overhead — Expense	1,608.09		
Credit by Receipts	594.64	1,013.45	
Material — Purchases	11,650.74		
Credit by Receipts	11,733.86	83.12	
Sodding Expense		10.03	
Damon Avenue		45.00	
		985.36	
**Reserves carried to 1940		1,380.29	394.93
Balance			1,087.51

Summary of Net Expenditures — Continuous Walks

B. of A. Order No.	3803	Albion Street	$ 80.71
	3717a	Ardsmoor Road	458.12
	3496	Damon Avenue	55.00
	3754	Damon Avenue	48.37
	4014	E. Foster Street	673.13
	4116	Howard Street	1,774.01
	4116a	Howard Street	454.78
	4192	Laurel Street	697.93
	4193	Malvern Street	536.78
	3753	Pearl Street	62.77
	4220	Sheffield Road	2,457.46

3837 Thurston Road ..	2,078.85	
4170 Whitman Avenue	308.17	
Net Expenditures by Orders		$ 9,686.08

Individual Walks

Balance — 1938	$ 73.33		
Budget — 1939	300.00		
Tax Levy	200.00		
Deposits and Receipts	1,153.70	$ 1,727.03	
Less — Refunds		274.87	$ 1,452.16
Expended:—			
Labor		428.55	
Stock and Overhead		821.40	
Teams and Invoices		26.78	1,276.73
Balance			$ 175.43

Repair of Walks

Budget — 1939		$ 6,500.00	
Tax Levy — 1939		500.00	
B. of A. Orders		500.00	$ 7,500.00
Expended:—			
Labor		3,647.74	
Stock and Overhead		1,599.52	
Teams and Invoices		2,159.25	7,406.51
Balance			$ 93.49

Care of Trees

Budget — 1939			$ 7,000.00
Expended:—			
Labor		$ 5,092.31	
Stock and Overhead		874.88	
Teams and Invoices		519.87	6,487.06
Balance			$ 512.94

Plant New Trees

Budget — 1939			$ 350.00
Expended:—			
Labor		$ 189.54	
Stock and Overhead		45.55	
Teams and Invoices		93.32	328.41
Balance			$ 21.59

Storm Damage Repairs

Balance — 1938		$ 7,194.24
Expended:—		
Labor	$ 4,192.64	
Stock and Overhead	2,101.15	
Teams and Invoices	900.45	7,194.24

WPA — Tree Inventory Plans

Balance — 1938	$ 320.07	
Less — B. of A. Order	200.00	$ 120.07
Expended:—		
Invoices		17.86
Balance		102.21

WPA Tree School for Young Men

Balance — 1938	$ 209.47	
Budget — 1939	200.00	$ 409.47
Expended:—		
Invoices		328.34
Balance		$ 81.13

WPA Trees; Trim and Prune

Budget — 1939		$ 200.00
Expended:—		
Stock and Overhead	$ 8.45	
Invoices	105.47	113.92
Balance		$ 86.08

Collection of Ashes and Rubbish

Budget — 1939	$ 13,500.00	
B. of A. Order	500.00	$ 14,000.00
Expended:—		
Ash Collections	8,163.47	
Paper Collections	3,395.00	
Level Dump	1,452.79	
Liability Insurance	294.55	
Deliver Ash Schedule Notices	110.69	
Ash Schedules	31.00	
Sundries	303.16	13,750.66
3853 Loads Handled.		
Balance		$ 249.34

Collection of Garbage

Budget — 1939	$ 20,000.00	
Less — B. of A. Orders	1,214.31	$ 18,785.69
Expended:—		
Labor	12,967.60	
Stock and Overhead	32.42	
Teams and Invoices	4,543.54	17,543.56
Balance		$ 1,242.13

Street Cleaning

Budget — 1939		$ 6,500.00
Expended:—		
Labor	$ 5,694.74	
Stock and Overhead	585.92	
Teams and Invoices	206.66	6,487.32
Balance		$ 12.68

Public Works — Salaries and Wages

Budget — 1939		$ 14,100.00
Expended:—		
Payrolls	$ 13,975.00	
Liability Insurance	4.83	13,979.83
Balance		$ 120.17

Public Works — Other Expenses

Budget — 1939	$ 1,400.00	
Receipts	3.05	$ 1,403.05
Expended:—		
Supplies	173.00	
Stationery and Printing	78.37	
Stamps	45.12	
Telephone	226.31	
Adding Machine — Service Charge	5.00	
Advertising	3.50	
Cabinets (Water Records)	691.60	
Vault Equipment	44.10	
Electric Fan	1.69	
Typewriter Repairs	20.50	
Pictures Framed — City Hall	1.00	
Magazine Subscriptions	9.00	1,299.19
Balance		$ 103.86

Engineers — Salaries and Wages

Budget — 1939		$ 6,600.00
Expended:—		
Payrolls	$ 6,128.36	
Liability Insurance	43.89	6,172.25
Balance		$ 427.75

Engineers — Other Expenses

Budget — 1939		$ 900.00
Expended:—		
Use of Car	$ 580.00	
Supplies	213.22	
Transit Repairs	38.50	
Tires for Car	44.00	
Recording	5.71	
Prints	2.03	
Plans	4.20	887.66
Balance		$ 12.34

City Hall — Salaries and Wages

Budget — 1939		$ 3,250.00
Expended:—		
Payrolls	$ 3,159.08	
Liability Insurance	32.89	3,191.97
Balance		58.03

City Hall — Other Expense

Budget — 1939		$ 3,500.00	
B. of A. Orders		1,455.07	$ 4,955.07
Expended:—			
Supplies		230.50	
Alterations and Repairs		872.93	
Gas		37.51	
Electricity		1,654.20	
Fuel		1,402.83	
Telephone		58.48	
Towel Care		80.76	
Ice—Drinking Fountain Rental		61.80	
Sundries:— Fill Vase	$ 30.00		
Flags	30.93		
Insurance	96.13		
Water Filter	151.00		
Water Rates	85.02		
Wash Windows	19.19		
Ventilators	23.70	435.97	4,834.98
Balance			$ 120.09

City Hall Architects Fees

Balance — 1938		$ 440.00
Less:—		
B. of A. Order		357.75
Balance		$ 82.25

Receipts from Fire Loss — City Hall

Receipts		$ 74.78
Less:—		
B. of A. Order		74.78

Fire Loss — City Hall

Balance — 1938		$ 220.57
Less:—		
B. of A. Order		220.57

City Hall — Convenience Station

Balance — 1938		$ 346.90
Less:—		
B. of A. Order		346.90

PWA Docket Mass. 1570-F Alterations City Hall

Balance — 1938		$ 37,945.73	
Government Receipts		29,498.38	$ 67,444.11
Expended:—			
Building Estimates		59,576.72	
Architects Fees		3,867.39	
Clerks Salary		30.00	
Telephone		13.70	
Drain Work		47.64	
Lawn work — Grading	$140.07		
Loam	86.22	226.29	
Screens		221.00	
Insurance		10.89	
Electrical Work		122.37	
Door Repairs		7.00	
Advertising		34.30	
Moving Expense —			
Labor and Invoices	327.64		
Teams and Overhead	68.77	396.41	
Locks		28.81	
Hardware		64.27	
Shades		175.00	

Signs — Brass Office Markers ..	114.84	
Lumber	19.87	
Rail	30.00	
Sundries	26.40	65,012.90
Balance		$ 2,431.21

Board of Survey Expense

Budget — 1939		$ 25.00
Expended:—		
Invoices		6.00
Balance		$ 19.00

REPORT OF WIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen:
Melrose, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit the annual report of the Wire Department for the year ending December 31, 1939.

Inspection of Wires

Three hundred and one inspections were made on oil burners.
Five hundred and nineteen inspections on sealed meters.
One hundred and forty-two on defects.
One thousand and six on repairs, alterations and additional wiring making a total of nineteen hundred and eighty-five.
One hundred and forty-five permits issued to the Malden Electric Co. allowing current to be turned on.

Fire Alarm System

Fourteen hundred and eighty-five inspections were made of box movements.
Twenty miles of weatherproof wire were pulled in.
Three hundred and one cross arms were installed.
Five hundred and twenty feet of tree molding were installed.
Eight new boxes were installed at the following locations:
212 Cor. Lynde Street and Mystic Avenue.
243 Cor. Beech Avenue and Meridian Street.
341 Cor. Hurd and Cottage Streets.
351 Cor. Florence and Chester Streets.
483 Cor. Oakland and Charles Streets.
581 Cor. Vinton Street and Brunswick Way.
632 Cor. Ardsmoor and Sheffield Roads
642 Cor. First and Thirteenth Streets.

Police Signal System

One thousand and forty-two inspections of box movements were made making the necessary repairs.
Ten miles of weatherproof wire were pulled in.
One hundred and sixty cross arms were installed.
Two hundred and ten batteries were installed at Police Headquarters.

Police Signal System—(Continued)

Seventy-five batteries were renewed in police boxes.
All boxes and red light pedestals were painted.
Two boxes were installed at the following locations:
Melbourne Avenue and Glen.
Brown Street near Mt. Vernon.

Traffic Signals

Seventy-five inspections were made of control boxes making repairs and adjustments.
One hundred and twenty lamps were replaced.
All control boxes and poles were painted.

Respectfully Submitted,

FRED A. EDWARDS,
Inspector of Wires

REPORT OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

To His Honor, the Mayor, and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The Board of Registrars of Voters respectfully submits the following report for the year 1939:

Since there were no primaries or elections, state or municipal during the year 1939 and, consequently, no sessions were held for the registration of voters, the work of the Board has been devoted to the discharge of other responsibilities imposed upon it by law and which are required to be performed each year.

In 1939 there became operative for the first time the law requiring registrars of voters to make true lists of all persons twenty years of age and over residing in the city on January first of each year, together with all of the information specified with respect to every person so listed, a duty hitherto performed by the board of Assessors. For the purpose of procuring this information, eight assistant registrars of voters were appointed, equally representing the two leading political parties, as provided by law, who reported names of such persons to the following number:

1-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	3-1		3-2	4-1	4-2	5-1	5-2
1170	1276	1298	1436	1226		1235	1232	1303	1233	1486
			6-1	6-2	7-1	7-2	7-3			
			1458	1048	874	1021	637			

Total 17,993

Of the names included in the above lists, there were transmitted to the Board of Assessors lists containing the names of those found by the Registrars of Voters to be liable to be assessed for poll taxes, to the following number:

1-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	3-1		3-2	4-1	4-2	5-1	5-2
520	560	602	645	480		544	492	562	564	698
			6-1	6-2	7-1	7-2	7-3			
			675	478	415	487	311			

Total 8,033

An enumeration of the total population of Melrose as of January 1, 1939 follows:

1-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	3-1		3-2	4-1	4-2	5-1	5-2
1574	1712	1827	2005	1468		1716	1575	1800	1753	2053
			6-1	6-2	7-1	7-2	7-3			
			1940	1524	1248	1552	922			

Total 24,669

Sessions were held by the Board from time to time during the year for the purpose of reviewing the lists made by the Assistant

Registrars of Voters; supervising the preparation and printing of such lists; annual compilation of the jury list, copies of which were posted, published in the local newspapers, and sent, as required by law, to the several courts within whose jurisdiction this city lies; revision of the general and annual register of voters; certification of names of signers of initiative and referendum petitions and of applications for questions of public policy; and for the correction of the annual register in accordance with facts coming to the attention of the Board from time to time.

In 1939, as for three or four years previous, the Board has received an exceptional degree of co-operation from both of the local newspapers, which have printed the jury list, the names of those removed from the voting list and other information which has been considered valuable to the citizens of Melrose, all in a spirit of voluntary public service. They wish to acknowledge, with sincere appreciation, this assistance from the Melrose Free Press and the Melrose Leader.

At its session in the current year, the General Court repealed the act passed in 1938 requiring verification of the registration of all voters on or before December 1, 1939, and enacted new legislation requiring such verification during the period between June 1, 1941 and December 1, 1943. Since the terms of the new act provide that no local action can be taken to carry out the same until provision has been made for the secretary of State to furnish the necessary forms and equipment and since the General Court, meeting in its first biennial session, made no appropriation for the above purpose, it will be apparent that any action taken under this law must be deferred until 1942 at the earliest.

The number of voters, as contained in the annual register, revised and corrected, as aforesaid, as of December 31, 1939, is as follows:

1-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	3-1		3-2	4-1	4-2	5-1	5-2
962	978	1007	1052	878		874	872	1045	958	1012
			6-1	6-2	7-1	7-2	7-3			
			1044	828	657	723	395			

Total 13,285

Of the above there are 6,275 men and 7,010 women and the number of enrolled voters shows 1,012 Democrats and 8,986 Republicans.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. KEATING, Chairman
CHARLES E. HOLT
PHILIP H. DORN
RAYMOND H. GREENLAW, Clerk
Board of Registrars of Voters

REPORT OF SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

School Department 1940

OFFICERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Chairman, BENNING L. WENTWORTH
Corres. Secretary, MRS. MARGARET H. LANG
Recording Secretary, HERMAN H. STUART

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Name and Residence	Telephone	Term Expires
Charles H. Adams 25 Rowe Street	Office Mel. 2120-W Res. Mel. 2120-R	1941
Warren L. Adams 12 W. Emerson Street	Office Mel. 0456 Res. Mel. 1906-J	1943
Robert A. Friend 43 Spring Street	Office Mel. 0354 Res. Crys. 1239	1941
Mrs. Margaret H. Lang 45 Francis Street	Res. Mel. 2203	1941
Kenneth L. Maclachlan 1 Bellevue Avenue	Office Mel. 1256	1943
Edward J. Wall 32 Melbourne Avenue	Office Ken. 8840 Res. Mel. 0202-W	1941
Anna C. Washburn 51 First Street	Res. Mel. 1656	1943
Benning L. Wentworth 75 Beech Avenue	Office Lib. 9410 Res. Mel. 1589-W	1943
Lester N. Woodland 49 Ardsmoor Road	Office Arl. 0180 Res. Mel. 0995	1943

Regular meetings of the School Committee are held in the Committee Room, Calvin Coolidge School, on the first Monday of every month, except July and August, at 8.00 p. m.

Superintendent of Schools

Herman H. Stuart, 6 York Terrace
Office: Calvin Coolidge School
Telephone Office, Melrose 2284 and 2285.
Residence, Melrose 2690.
Secretary: Ethel M. Spaulding, 81 Lynde Street, Tel. Mel. 2868-W
Financial Secretary: Emily N. Osgood, 654-A Main Street, Tel. Melrose 4587-W

TABLE I

School Year	School Census	No. of different pupils enrolled in elementary schools exclusive of re-enrollment	No. of different pupils enrolled in High School exclusive of re-enrollment	Average membership in elementary schools	Average membership in High School	Average attendance in elementary schools	Average attendance in High School	No. of graduates from High School	No. of graduates from grammar schools
1919-20	3,982	2,281	693	2,152.17	616.54	1,992.80	591.41	103	165
1920-21	4,015	2,412	647	2,309.36	608.89	2,200.92	582.07	121	214
1921-22	3,925	2,446	677	2,377.92	642.41	2,229.98	620.21	89	228
1922-23	3,079	2,570	715	2,447.18	736.37	2,259.76	705.92	111	177
1923-24	3,244	2,548	790	2,423.27	803.62	2,292.52	774.46	136	239
1924-25	3,657	2,564	888	2,497.10	831.69	2,345.91	798.18	167	228
1925-26	3,700	2,645	911	2,528.00	870.46	2,356.61	841.42	177	222
1926-27	3,685	2,708	945	2,609.63	915.44	2,494.89	892.57	169	230
1927-28		2,771	1,023	2,709.62	978.06	2,562.24	943.52	183	299
1928-29		2,854	1,087	2,789.19	1,065.85	2,611.80	1,009.23	218	240
1929-30		2,970	1,116	2,877.79	1,076.33	2,714.84	1,028.85	192	251
1930-31		3,005	1,136	2,941.75	1,130.88	2,788.58	1,080.71	225	274
1931-32		3,002	1,223	2,917.76	1,206.61	2,754.75	1,150.69	249	282
1932-33		3,025	1,327	2,916.32	1,257.65	2,753.65	1,195.28	245	261
1933-34		2,990	1,359	2,894.60	1,289.62	2,727.04	1,231.48	267	286
1934-35		2,984	1,377	2,923.17	1,343.75	2,760.98	1,272.90	283	295
1935-36		2,897	1,426	2,831.15	1,371.61	2,698.33	1,311.57	285	298
1936-37		2,935	1,423	2,872.31	1,371.29	2,715.12	1,313.28	271	325
1937-38		2,923	1,438	2,827.05	1,424.60	2,678.43	1,359.30	324	308
1938-39		2,743	1,522	2,697.30	1,468.37	2,567.96	1,375 61	318	259

TABLE II

Percentage of Pupils Belonging June 1939 Who Failed of Promotion

Schools	GRADES 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total Average Percent Failed
Coolidge	11.11	4.00	11.42	0.00	3.44	9.09	9.17	6.67	6.86
Franklin			3.28	6.90	6.25	2.94			4.84
Gooch	8.33	4.54	3.03	0.00	11.11	0.00			4.50
Lincoln	4.35	8.33	3.57	6.45	0.00	2.98	9.72	11.27	7.58
Ripley	9.09	0.00	6.25	9.09	5.26	5.26			5.83
Roosevelt					9.37	0.00	7.76	3.19	5.08
Warren	0.00	0.00	7.69	6.06					3.44
Washington	13.33	0.00	5.00	4.54	7.14	6.25			6.04
Whittier	2.94	0.00							1.47
Winthrop	0.00	0.00	6.67	4.22	2.70	1.49			2.51
Total Average	6.14	2.11	5.86	4.66	5.66	3.50	8.88	7.04	5.48

Percentage of Pupils Belonging June 1939 Who Were Conditioned

Schools	GRADES 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total Average Percent Condi-tioned
Coolidge	14.81	0.00	5.71	0.00	0.00	12.12	17.87	17.58	8.51
Franklin			3.28	12.07	1.56	10.29			6.80
Gooch	0.00	0.00	15.15	5.88	0.00	25.93			7.83
Lincoln	4.35	1.67	0.00	8.06	4.35	10.45	12.50	15.49	7.11
Ripley	9.09	0.00	12.50	4.54	5.26	26.32			9.62
Roosevelt					0.00	15.78	10.67	12.76	9.80
Warren	0.00	0.00	7.69	9.09					4.19
Washington	0.00	3.12	7.50	13.64	3.57	28.13			9.33
Whittier	0.00	2.59							1.29
Winthrop	5.56	2.94	5.00	8.45	8.10	20.90			8.49
Total Average	4.23	1.29	7.10	7.72	2.86	18.74	13.35	11.94	8.40

TABLE III

PERCENTAGE OF PUPILS WHO FAILED OF PROMOTION

1935—1939

Grades	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	Total Average Percent Failed
I	9.73	10.02	8.50	6.66	6.14	8.21
II	5.83	6.02	2.28	4.19	2.11	4.09
III	4.46	4.52	8.80	2.50	5.86	5.23
IV	3.19	2.91	7.38	5.07	4.66	4.64
V	3.51	3.79	1.56	4.05	5.66	3.71
VI	2.00	2.67	4.43	5.51	3.50	3.62
VII	6.82	6.92	8.53	9.36	8.88	8.10
VIII	6.60	2.38	5.04	5.74	7.04	5.36
Total Average	5.27	4.90	5.81	5.39	5.48	5.37

Percentage of Pupils Who Were Conditioned—1935–1939

Grades	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	Total Average Percent Conditioned
I	4.64	8.89	8.18	5.01	4.23	6.19
II	2.34	1.23	5.30	2.11	1.29	2.45
III	6.18	5.38	8.33	7.60	7.10	6.92
IV	10.34	7.60	8.43	4.36	7.72	7.69
V	7.77	8.70	11.31	3.94	2.86	6.92
VI	7.59	7.39	13.53	10.66	18.74	11.58
VII	15.96	8.41	11.23	13.76	13.35	12.54
VIII	10.75	13.88	9.38	13.35	11.94	11.86
Total Average	8.20	7.69	9.46	7.60	8.40	8.27

TABLE IV

SHOWING TOTAL ENROLLMENT BY AGES AND GRADES — AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1939

Age	GRADES													
	Sp.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	P. G.	Total
5 yrs. old (5 to 6)		98													98
6 yrs. old (6 to 7)		162	104												266
7 yrs. old		12	147	123											282
8 yrs. old	1		25	184	116										326
9 yrs. old	2		2	40	175	82									301
10 yrs. old	4			5	36	191	86								322
11 yrs. old	6			2	10	58	198	98	2						374
12 yrs. old	10					6	44	211	94	5					370
13 yrs. old	12					3	16	35	189	96	2				353
14 yrs. old	6						2	24	59	166	129	3			389
15 yrs. old	7							7	21	60	193	114	3		405
16 yrs. old	3							1	4	15	52	162	103	1	341
17 yrs. old									1	4	23	48	172	9	257
18 yrs. old											4	22	44	12	82
19 yrs. old											1	1	9	1	12
20 yrs. old													2	1	3
Total	51	272	278	354	337	340	346	376	370	346	404	350	333	24	4,181

TABLE V
FINANCIAL SUMMARY—JANUARY 1, 1939 TO JANUARY 1, 1940

	Asked for by School Committee	Approp. by Board of Aldermen	Plus or Minus Transfers and Credits	Net Appropriations	Expenditures	Balances
1. Salaries	$349,819.06	$347,761.06	—$1,100.00	$346,661.06	$346,592.19	+$ 68.87
2. Textbooks and Supplies	14,000.00	14,000.00	+ 400.70	14,400.70	14,363.62	+ 37.08
3. Other General Expenses	2,725.00	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,499.93	+ .07
4. Plant — Operation and Maintenance	36,420.00	35,000.00	+ 700.00	35,700.00	35,692.03	+ 7.97
Total	$402,964.06	$399,261.06	+$ .70	$399,261.76	$399,147.77	+$ 113.99
SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS						
Continue Renewal Classroom Fls. —WPA	$ 3,000.00	$ 1,000.00		$ 1,000.00	$ 996.39	$ 3.61
One new Sanitary—Coolidge School	1,900.00	0.00				
Fence—Winthrop School	210.00	210.00		210.00	210.00	0.00
Fence—Coolidge School	100.00	100.00		100.00	100.00	0.00
Paint and Supplies—WPA	800.00	400.00				
Staging and Ladders—WPA	300.00	0.00		1,700.00	1,359.73	340.27
Exterior Painting—WPA	2,000.00	1,000.00				
Concrete Floor and Stair Treatm't—WPA	300.00	300.00				
High School Repairs:—						
Waterproofing	1,870.67	1,870.67		1,870.67	1,852.65	18.02
Tar and Gravel Fabric on Copper Flhg.	1,325.00	1,325.00		1,325.00	1,294.23	30.77
Renewal Window Sashes	1,950.00	1,950.00	+$ 25.63	1,975.63	1,840.96	134.67
Fire Escape Repairing	285.00	285.00		285.00	273.29	11.71
Plant—Gooch School Boiler	2,400.00	2,400.00		2,400.00	1,993.65	406.85
Plant—High School Roof	4,500.00	4,500.00		4,500.00	1,035.13	3,464.87
Carried over from 1938						
Coolidge School Showers	172.71	172.71		172.71	172.68	.03
Hurricane Damage	192.50	192.50		192.50	192.17	.33
Temperature Control—Winthrop School	39.00	39.00		39.00	36.00	3.00
Lincoln School Fire Loss			158.00	158.00	78.40	79.60
Total	$ 21,344.88	$ 15,744.88	$ 183.63	$ 15,928.51	$ 11,434.78	$4,493.73
Grand Total	$424,308.94	$415,005.94	+$ 184.33	$415,190.27	$410,582.55	$4,607.72

TABLE VI

DISTRIBUTION OF EXPENSES BY SCHOOLS, FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1939

Schools	General Control	Other Expenses	Teachers and Principals	Texbooks	Supplies	Janitors' Services	Janitors' Supplies	Fuel	Water	Light and Power	General Repairs	Furniture and Furnishings	Tuition	Transportation	Totals
High		$474.38	$119,686.21	$2,476.66	$3,172.91	$ 7,605.28	$ 306.84	$ 2,143.06	$ 340.78	$2,661.99	$ 1,553.58	$122.75			$140,479.44
Coolidge		15.37	37,712.94	947.62	1,162.51	3,358.57	256.42	2,838.27	142.68	1,336.65	1,232.59	4.00			48,470.43
Franklin			14,466.64	305.70	316.21	1,661.72	105.80	1,050.05	94.56	104.22	83.93	3.88			17,941.59
Gooch			9,610.88	92.27	247.58	1,668.57	45.12	774.23	24.84	158.26	142.06	65.11			12,708.02
Lincoln		10.90	37,371.95	846.59	1,139.12	2,367.86	169.35	1,302.18	132.23	569.84	678.29	49.55			44,146.82
Ripley			8,742.50	115.11	149.81	1,612.87	56.04	517.20	42.30	154.98	546.31				11,834.82
Roosevelt		10.12	23,371.85	416.65	603.07	1,877.14	60.30	698.39	77.93	504.52	495.10				27,855.09
Warren			6,249.78	144.74	127.31	996.43	36.74	280.30	89.75	92.01	344.34				8,262.80
Washington			11,498.23	368.53	290.34	1,793.57	71.53	1,066.78	71.80	222.51	174.72				15,344.11
Whittier			6,459.69	189.13	203.39	996.42	40.62	286.08	15.27	39.26	81.36				8,190.32
Winthrop			23,805.00	376.65	671.72	1,685.23	143.09	1,222.10	134.82	439.20	175.97				28,245.62
All		363.42	12,892.33			220.53		3.50			4,844.80	20.58			21,014.2
Tuition													3,730.62		3,730.62
Transportation														418.10	418.10
General Control	$10,505.74														10,505.74
	$10,505.74	$874.19	$311,868.00	$6,279.65	$8,083.97	$25,844.19	$1,291.85	$12,182.14	$1,166.96	$6,283.44	$10,353.05	$265.87	$3,730.62	$418.10	$399,147.77

TABLE VII

Cost per Pupil in Average Membership Fiscal Year 1939

		High	Elementary
General Control		$ 3,782.07	$ 6,723.67
General Control, per pupil		2.60	2.60
Teachers' Salaries		119,686.21	192,181.79
Teachers' Salaries, per pupil		82.26	73.94
Textbooks		2,476.66	3,802.99
Textbooks, per pupil		1.70	1.46
Supplies		3,172.91	4,911.06
Supplies, per pupil		2.18	1.89
Operation of School Plant		13,057.95	33,710.63
Operation of School Plant, per pupil		8.97	12.97
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds (excluding Special Appropriations)		1,676.33	8,942.59
Maintenance of Buildings and grounds, per pupil		1.15	3.44
Other Expenses		474.38	399.81
Other Expenses, per pupil		.33	.15
Tuition—Vocational and Evening Schools	$3,730.62		
Transportation	418.10		

Year	Expenditure for Support of Public Schools from All Sources per pupil	Average for 39 Cities in the State	Rank among the 39 Cities in the State
1935	84.50	90.76	13
1936	88.32	100.27	16
1937	91.37	101.49	14
1938	90.65	103.46	21
1939	97.55	105.98	14

TABLE VIII

Showing Enrollment, Attendance, etc., for the School Year Ending June 30, 1939

1. By Schools

School	Number of different pupils enrolled exclusive of re-enrollment	Number of boys	Number of girls	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance
High	1,522	764	758	1,468.37	1,375.61	94.09
Coolidge	550	260	290	544.23	522.19	95.87
Franklin	261	131	130	254.14	243.68	95.60
Gooch	154	68	86	144.61	137.32	94.88
Lincoln	513	271	242	508.57	481.78	94.59
Ripley	106	48	58	106.37	101.54	95.42
Roosevelt	271	128	143	265.02	256.63	96.92
Warren	113	54	59	111.85	105.70	94.18
Washington	215	125	90	212.07	201.35	94.89
Whittier	137	75	62	140.35	127.06	91.49
Winthrop	423	218	205	410.09	390.71	94.73
Total	4,265	2,142	2,123	4,165.67	3,943.57	94.79

2. By Grades

Grade	Number of different pupils enrolled exclusive of re-enrollment	Number of boys	Number of girls	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance
Post Graduate	27	13	14	19.65	17.63	89.59
Senior	324	152	172	314.04	298.13	94.89
Junior	354	178	176	347.25	330.24	95.11
Sophomore	390	204	186	373.17	333.60	95.25
Freshman	427	217	210	414.26	396.01	95.59
Eighth	327	153	174	327.75	317.07	96.74
Seventh	374	203	171	372.65	359.37	96.47
Sixth	350	165	185	345.35	332.41	95.78
Fifth	355	175	180	340.19	325.77	95.74
Fourth	338	173	165	332.43	316.38	95.15
Third	341	166	175	336.37	319.15	94.98
Second	340	170	170	328.50	308.28	94.33
First	268	135	133	265.88	245.52	92.59
Special	50	38	12	48.18	44.01	91.97
Total	4,265	2,142	2,123	4,165.67	3,943.57	94.79

TABLE IX

Number of Teachers in Different Departments
January 1, 1940

Elementary

Number full-time women teachers, excluding non-teaching principals	93	
Number full-time men	5	
Number non-teaching principals—women	3	
Number non-teaching principals—men	1	
Number special teachers and supervisors—women	5	
Number part-time teachers—women	3	
	—	110

High

Number full-time teachers—women	27	
Number full-time teachers (excluding principal)—men	22	
Number full-time principals	1	
Number part-time teachers—women	1	
Number part-time teachers—men	1	
Number medical advisers	1	
	—	53
Total		163

TABLE X

REPORT OF ATTENDANCE OFFICE
September 1938 to June 1939

Number of cases investigated	67
Number found to be truants or absentees	45
Number of complaints in court	1
Number placed on probation by court	1
Number sentenced to training school	0
Number of visits to schools	50
Number of visits to home	64

TABLE XI

Dental Examination Report—Grades 1-8 Inclusive
School Year 1938-1939

Number pupils examined in schools	2717
Number pupils needing dental attention	608
Number pupils with all necessary dental work done	2109
Per cent needing attention	22.37
Per cent satisfactory	77.62

Melrose Hospital Clinic

Number appointments	909
Number patients	432
Number examinations	176
Number extractions	368
Number fillings	72
Number prophylaxes	442
Number treatments	104

TABLE XII

Average Age of Pupils in the Different Grades—October 1, 1939

Primary:	
Grade 1	6 years 2 months
Grade 2	7 years 2 months
Grade 3	8 years 2 months
Grade 4	9 years 3 months
Grammar:	
Grade 5	10 years 3 months
Grade 6	11 years 8 months
Grade 7	12 years 8 months
Grade 8	13 years 5 months
High:	
Freshman	14 years 2 months
Sophomore	15 years 10 months
Junior	16 years 5 months
Senior	17 years 8 months
Post Graduate	18 years 2 months

TABLE XIII

Number of Children Enrolled in After-School Classes November 1, 1939

Piano	88
Trumpets	2
Art	47
Band—Advanced	55
Band—Elementary	48
Dancing	100

INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOOL BUILDINGS

MELROSE, MASSACHUSETTS

Name	When Built
Whittier	1884
Gooch	1886
Livermore	1891
Warren	1892
Franklin	1896
Lincoln (original building)	1896
Lincoln (addition)	1930
Washington (original building)	1896
Washington (addition)	1924
Coolidge (original building)	1897
Coolidge (addition)	1908
Coolidge Gymnasium	1936
Roosevelt	1924
Ripley (original building)	1924
Ripley (addition)	1930
Winthrop	1926
High	1933

ESTIMATED VALUE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY

January 1, 1940

School	Bldgs.	Land	Furnishings
High	$ 712,500	$ 17,800	$ 50,000
Coolidge	350,000	58,000	26,800
Lincoln	260,000	9,000	20,000
Winthrop	190,000	3,000	14,000
Roosevelt	177,000	2,000	15,000
Washington	137,000	5,000	7,500
Ripley	84,000	4,000	3,500
Franklin	86,261	10,000	4,872
Gooch	67,880	4,500	4,750
Livermore	50,000	6,600	1,500
Warren	25,119	3,000	2,500
Whittier	24,863	3,000	2,500
	$2,164,623	$125,900	$152,922
Washington Playground	$5,000		
Hesseltine School Lot	8,000		

RESULTS OF HEARING TESTS WITH AUDIOMETER
September 1939

Number of pupils tested	2140
Number of pupils on first test showing a hearing loss of 9 or more sensation units in one or both ears	187
Number of pupils retested	187
Number of pupils on retest showing a hearing loss of more than 9 sensation units in one or both ears	35
Per cent of pupils tested showing hearing defects	1.7%
Number of parents notified	35
Number of parents included in above who were notified last year	15

GENERAL STATISTICS

Population of Melrose	24,670
Number of different pupils enrolled, exclusive of re-enrollment school year 1938-39	4,265
Number in High School	1,522
Number in Elementary Schools	2,743
Total approved school bills, fiscal year 1939 (Support)	$399,147.77
Total approved school bills, fiscal year 1939 (Special Appropriations)	$11,434.48
Amount expended for High School, fiscal year 1939 (exclusive of General Control)	$140,822.54
Cost per pupil in High School, based upon average membership January 1, 1939 to January 1, 1940 (1455)	$96.78
Amount expended for Elementary Schools, fiscal year 1939 (exclusive of General Control)	$244,088.87
Cost per pupil in Elementary Schools based upon average membership January 1, 1939 to January 1, 1940 (2599)	$93.92
Amount expended for tuition (evening high)	$66.90
Amount expended for tuition (vocational schools)	$3,663.72
Number of School Nurses, January 1, 1940	2
Number of Full Time Special Teachers and Supervisors, January 1, 1940	5
Number of Part Time Special Teachers and Supervisors, January 1, 1940	3
Number of Full Time High School Teachers, including principal, January 1, 1940	50
Number of Part Time High School Teachers, Jan. 1, 1940	2*
Number of Full Time Elementary Teachers, including principals, January 1, 1940	102
Number of Part Time Elementary Teachers, Jan. 1, 1940	3
Number of pupils enrolled per full time teacher in High School, excluding principal, January 1, 1940	29
Number of pupils enrolled per full time teacher in Elementary Schools, excluding non-teaching principals, January 1, 1940	27

* One also serves in grades

MELROSE HIGH SCHOOL
HIGH HONOR LIST

(All A Averages for Four Years)

Mary Jane Claflin
Claire Eleanor Connorton

HONOR LIST

(All A and B Averages for Four Years)

Ellinor Learned Benedict
Sara E. Brissette
Frances E. Carney
Nancy Cushman
Ethelyn R. Darran
Gwendolyn B. DeFreitas
Bernardette DiNatale
Ann Kimball Faden
Beatrice T. Flagg
Herbert Paige Gray
Constance Alice Hart
Priscilla Hess
Lillian Viola Johnson
Charles F. Kane
John Kimball
Grace Louise Knight
Beatrice M. Livingstone
Marieta Lowden
Barbara Ann Lundsted
Barbara Maddison
Lawrence E. McGourty
Ralph E. McLain, Jr.
Dorothy Nash
Madeleine Oliver
Henry Fay Pearl
Miriam Ethel Peterson
Florence C. Puim
Frank Henry Robbins
Rosamond Claire Sargent
Jean Elisabeth Shafer
Frederick P. Stearns
Martha Elaine Stingel
Erland C. Teschek
Carman St. John Wolff
Marilyn F. Woodman

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

(Neither Absent nor Tardy for Four Years)

Walter Burton Clark
Lewis O. English
Lucy Esther Pottier
George D. Robinson
Edwin Wesley Rumrill, Jr.
Priscilla Emily Sears
Jean Elisabeth Shafer

PRIZES AWARDED JUNE 1939

Levi Gould Medal

Mary Jane Claflin

Washington and Franklin Medal	John Kimball
Renesselaer Polytechnic Institute	Ralph E. McLain
Daughters of American Revolution	Amy Wentworth
Melrose Hlds. Woman's Club	Jean Parant
Ruth Ansell Morrison Scholarship	Amy Wentworth

Masque and Wig Dramatic Club	Annelea Randall
Per Aspera Scholarship	Claire Connorton
Phi Theta Chi Sorority Scholarship	Constance Hart
Omicron Delta Scholarship	Ralph E. McLain
Melrose Teachers' Club Scholarship	Thomas H. McEnroe
M. H. S. Parent-Teachers Association Scholarships	
	Frank H. Robbins
	Mary Jane Claflin
	Everett J. Graham
Charles Secretarial School of Cambridge	Frances Carney

REPORT OF CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD

March 18, 1940

To His Honor, the Mayor, and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City Hall, Melrose, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

The Retirement Board of the Contributory Retirement System of the City of Melrose respectfully submits its third annual report covering the transactions of the system for the year ended December 31, 1939.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Retirement.
GARDNER B. WARDWELL, Chairman
S. HALE HARDING, Secretary
JOHN R. DAVIS

CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT SYSTEM CITY OF MELROSE

Statement of Income and Disbursements for the Year ended December 31, 1939

INCOME

Amount of Ledger Assets December 31, 1939			$32,020.03
Members Contributions credited to their accounts in the Annuity Savings Fund:			
Regular Contributions:			
Group I	$11,686.30		
Group II	1,073.45	$12,759.75	
Voluntary additional Contributions: Group I		78.00	
Appropriation by the City for:			
Pension Accumulation Fund	20,342.00		
Expense Fund	375.00	20,717.00	
Interest Received	1,581.25		
Less accrued interest on bonds purchased	247.53	1,333.72	
Increase by adjustment on value of Bonds		11.17	
Total Income for the year			34,899.64
Total Available Receipts			$66,919.67

DISBURSEMENTS

Annuity Payments:			
Group I	46.14		
Group II	.72	46.86	
Pension Payments:			
Group I	8,871.51		
Group II	975.80	9,847.31	
Refund of Contributions and Interest:			
Group I			
Deposits	348.67		
Interest	10.70	359.37	
Administrative Expenses:			
Clerical	178.95		
Printing and Stationery	47.42		
Postage and Telephone	4.45		
Safety Deposit Box and Indemnity Bonds	141.50		
Miscellaneous	19.60	391.92	
Loss on Bonds Called		90.00	
Decrease by adjustment on value of Bonds		77.86	
Total Disbursements for the year			10,813.32
Ledger Assets December 31, 1939			$56,106.35

Balance Sheet — December 31, 1939

ASSETS

Investments:		
Bonds—Book Value	$53,622.25	
Savings Bank Account	1,800.00	$55,422.25
Cash—First National Bank of Boston		684.10
Total Ledger Assets		$56,106.35

LIABILITIES

Annuity Savings Funds:		
Group I	27,286.07	
Group II	1,617.60	28,903.67
Annuity Reserve Fund		483.39
Pension Accumulation Fund		26,097.36
Expense Fund		228.96
Undistributed Earnings		392.97
Total Liabilities		$56,106.35

Schedule of Bonds — December 31, 1939

	Effetive Int. Rate	Bond Value	Par Value
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Rwy. Co. 4's, due Oct., 1995	3.70%	$3,218.33	$3,000.00
Chesepeake & Ohio Rwy. Co. 4½'s, due March, 1992	3.60%	6,209.07	5,000.00
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R. Ill. Div. 4's, due July, 1949	3.96%	5,043.34	5,000.00
Great Northern Rwy. Co. Gen. Mtg. Conv. Ser. H. 4's, due July, 1946	3.23%	1,913.72	2,000.00
Northern Pacific Rwy. Co. Prior Lien 4's, due Jan., 1997	4.05%	1,480.10	1,500.00
Union Pacific R. R. Co. 1st Lien 4's, due June, 2008	3.68%	5,425.75	5,000.00
Total Railroad		$23,290.31	$21,500.00
Brooklyn Union Gas Co. 5's, due May, 1945	3.80%	5,296.85	5,000.00
Central Ill. Pub. Serv. Co. 3¾'s, due Dec., 1968	3.65%	5,110.94	5,000.00
Consumers Power Co. 1st Mtg. 3½'s, due Nov., 1967	3.31%	5,274.87	5,000.00
Metropolitan Edison Co., 1st Mtg. Series G. 4's, due May, 1965	3.75	5,313.21	5,000.00
Northern Indiana Pub. Serv. Co. 3¾'s, due Aug., 1969	3.75%	4,000.00	4,000.00
Providence Gas Co. 1st Mtg. 4's, due Feb., 1963	3.75%	5,336.07	5,000.00
Total Public Utilities		$30,331.94	$29,000.00
Totals		$53,622.25	$50,500.00

SCHEDULE OF RETIRED MEMBERS — December 31, 1939

Name	Position	Date of Retirement	Length of Service	Age at Retirement	Amt. of Annuity	Amt. of Pension	Total Amount
Retired Members, January 1, 1939:							
Victor C. Kirmes	City Clerk	Aug. 1, 1937	55 yrs.	81 yrs.	$ 0	$1,475.04	$1,475.04
Charles Trentsch	Laborer	Sept. 28, 1937	12 yrs.	77 yrs.	0	480.00	480.00
Charles J. Critchett	School Janitor	Sept. 28, 1937	36 yrs.	75 yrs.	0	828.00	828.00
Albert J. Waghorne	Assistant Supt.	Oct. 26, 1937	41 yrs.	76 yrs.	0	1,247.52	1,247.52
Denis Cronin	Laborer	Aug. 24, 1937	8 yrs.	70 yrs.	1.44	478.56	480.00
Charles C. Garey	Custodian	Dec. 1, 1937	25 yrs.	76 yrs.	0	1,002.36	1,002.36
Michael J. Hanley	Dog Officer	Sept. 28, 1937	38 yrs.	72 yrs.	0	480.00	480.00
Mrs. Hattie D. Hall	Librarian	Nov. 21, 1937	16 yrs.	70 yrs.	2.76	477.24	480.00
Mary A. Kenah	Soldiers' Relief Agent	April 14, 1938	23 yrs.	70 yrs.	5.64	474.36	480.00
Harry M. Wilson	Lineman	April 15, 1938	10 yrs.	63 yrs.	4.68	200.16	204.84
John E. Smith	Call Fireman	July 1, 1938	40 yrs.	60 yrs.	.72	130.68	131.40
Edwin L. Cragin	Registrar	July 1, 1938	38 yrs.	70 yrs.	1.32	132.00	133.32
Arthur A. Hayden	Board of Health	Dec. 19, 1938	18 yrs.	70 yrs.	.37	34.06	34.43
Retirements during 1939:							
Frank C. Newman	Chief Fire Dept.	June 15, 1939	34 yrs.	73 yrs.	0	865.80	865.80
Thomas Hallahan	Laborer	June 20, 1939	24 yrs.	70 yrs.	11.15	324.01	335.16
Charles F. Woodward	Asst. Supt.	June 30, 1939	47 yrs.	70 yrs.	18.78	737.52	756.30
Charles H. Shattuck	Janitor	June 30, 1939	8 yrs.	75 yrs.	0	240.00	240.00
Andrew W. H. Restall	Clerk	June 30, 1939	13 yrs.	73 yrs.	0	240.00	240.00
		Totals			$46.86	$9,847.31	$9,894.17

Schedule of Membership for December 31, 1939
Active Members

	Members Eligible for Prior Service Credit			Members not Eligible for Prior Service Credit			
	Group I		Group II	Group I		Group II	
	Men	Women		Men	Women		Total Membership
Membership, December 31 1938	100	28	7	31	6	14	186
Enrolled during 1939	0	0	0	18	1	3	22
Total	100	28	7	49	7	17	208
Withdrawals	2	0	0	3	0	0	5
Retirements—Superannuation	4	0	1	0	0	0	5
Total deductions	6	0	1	3	0	0	10
Total Membership Dec. 31, 1939	94	28	6	46	7	17	198
Pensioners							
Membership—December 31, 1938	10	2	1				13
Retirements—Superannuation	4	0	1				5
Total	14	2	2				18
Total Membership Dec. 31, 1939	14	2	2				18
Total Membership Dec. 31, 1939	108	30	8	46	7	17	216

Summary of the Number and Annual Salaries of Active Members as of December 31, 1939

	Number	Full Annual Salaries
Members Eligible for Prior Service Credit:		
Group I—Male	94	$149,016.00
Female	28	41,271.00
Group II	6	1,106.00
Members not Eligible for Prior Service Credit:		
Group I—Male	46	40,765.00
Female	7	5,049.00
Group II	17	20,067.00
Total active membership December 31 1939	198	$257,274.00

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Weighing and Measuring Devices

Scales	Adjusted	Sealed	Not Sealed	Condemned
Platform, 5,000 to 10,000 lbs ..	1	5		
Platform, 100 to 5,000 lbs.		21	1	1
Counter, 100 to 5,000 lbs.		7		
Counter, under 100 lbs.		28		
Beam, under 100 lbs.	1	32	1	
Spring, 100 to 5,000 lbs.		14		
Spring, under 100 lbs.	2	101	3	1
Computing, under 100 lbs. ..	3	102	2	
Personal weigher (slot)		22	2	1
Prescription		12		
Weights				
Avoirdupois		276		3
Apothecary		82		
Metric		47		
Volumetric Measures				
Liquid Measures under 1 gal.		81		1
Glass Graduates		53		
Oil Jars				7
Dry Measures		2		
Liquid Measures (Automatic Devices)				
Gasoline Pumps		3		
Stops on Pumps		15		
Gasoline Meter Systems	12	90		
Oil Pumps		2		
Bulk Station Meter Systems		2		
Grease Measuring Devices ..	1	44		
Linear Measures				
Yard Sticks		22		
Cloth Measuring Devices		1		
Totals	20	1064	9	14

Inspections		Cost of Department	
Bread	72	Salary and Wages ...	$1,000.00
Butter	52	Other Expenses	244.96
Coal (in paper bags)	7		
Coal (in transit)	13		$1,244.96

Kindling Wood (in paper bags)	9
Meats and Provisions	21
Potatoes, packaged	37
Cartons, markings	46
Peddler's licenses	21
Milk jars	69
Coal certificates	43
Clinical Thermometers	11
Peddler's Scales	9
Ice Scales	14
Junk Scales	4
Fuel meters (trucks)	53
Cake	69
Oil Jars	19
Cream Jars	63
Municipal	13
Gasoline stations	26
	671

Receipts

Sealing Fees	$133.52
License Fees	70.00
	$203.52

Inventory of Equipment and Supplies

About $30.00 worth of equipment lost or broken during remodelling of City Hall and moving equipment about the building. Otherwise, inventory is approximately as in 1938.

The work of this department during the past year, has been a repetition of the previous eleven years. A fine step was taken when the equipment of this department was moved into an office of its own, with proper space, on the second floor of the so-called Annex. I believe that the present office, equipment and administration is the equal of similar departments throughout the state, in comparable cities. Also, may I repeat the statement made in previous reports, that the expenses of this department are fully justified, being for the protection of the purchasing public, reaching into every home in this city.

Respectfully Submitted,

WESLEY H. MURRAY, Sealer

REPORT OF SOLDIERS' RELIEF DEPARTMENT

To His Honor, Mayor Robert A. Perkins, and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen,
Melrose, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit the following report of the Department of Soldiers' Benefits for the year 1939. The acquisition of several Federal pensions, the cooperation of the local Works Progress Administration officials and the placement of a few veterans in private employment have combined to make this department's figures this year the lowest since 1931.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Salary and Wages		$ 1,000.00
Expended	$ 1,000.00	
	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00

OTHER EXPENSES

Appropriation		$ 300.00
Transfer Order # 4267		75.00
Expended	$ 372.15	
Balance	2.85	
	$ 375.00	$ 375.00

STATE AID

(Refunded by State in full)

Appropriation		$ 1,500.00
Expended	$ 1,270.00	
Balance	230.00	
	$ 1,500.00	$ 1,500.00

MILITARY AID

(One-half refunded by State)

Appropriation		$ 1,500.00
Expended	$ 979.00	
Balance	521.00	
	$ 1,500.00	$ 1,500.00

SOLDIERS BURIAL

Appropriation		$ 200.00
Balance	$ 200.00	
	$ 200.00	$ 200.00

SOLDIERS RELIEF

Appropriation		$32,000.00
Expended	$27,978.90	
Transfer Order # 4267	75.00	
Cash Refunds		427.00
Balance	4,373.10	
	$32,427.00	$32,427.00

ITEMIZED SOLDIERS RELIEF EXPENDITURES

Cash	$20,844.40
Groceries	547.63
Fuel	1,812.92
Milk	93.79
Hospitals, Doctors and Nursing	1,489.26
Medicine	202.87
Shoes and clothing	717.03
Board and Rent	2,163.13
Miscellaneous	107.87
	$27,978.90

Respectfully Submitted,

WILLARD THOMPSON, Agent

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